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SPECTACLES — Outdoor Education

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Many classes were able to have rare post-October Break outdoor lectures due to unseasonably warm weather in the Mohawk Valley.

Seven students face J-Board after brawls

By Tom Ayres '98
News Editor

Two altercations on the night of Friday, September 26 sent two freshmen and one sophomore to the the hospital and seven students to face charges before the Judicial Board. In what has become one of the most serious and talked about violent incidents in recent years, more than 30 student witnesses have cooperated in separate Campus Safety and Kirkland Police investigations.

"This whole ordeal is more complicated than any reported fights in recent campus history because it involved two separate incidents and several serious injuries," said Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls.

While details of the incidents are heavily disputed and remain undisclosed pending a Judicial Board decision which is expected sometime early next week, Ingalls gave *The Spectator* a general overview of the chain of events.

The initial confrontation took place outside North Court near the bench between Dunham and Commons. The altercation occurred at approximately midnight and involved anywhere between four and fifteen people. By the time Campus Safety had arrived, the combatants and crowd had dispersed.

The cause of the fight and the number of students involved have been points of contention for the two parties. The two male first years (their names have been withheld pending the Judicial Board hearing) involved contend that two male sophomores instigated a shoving match that escalated into a brawl following a misunderstanding involving cigarettes. According to the freshmen, they acted out of self-defense and fear of bodily harm from two strangers.

The two sophomores, however, claim that they were attacked and beaten to the ground without provocation by a group of 5 to 12 students. Both suffered head injuries in the altercation.

It is not certain what, if any, role

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Debate emerges after change in smoking policy

By Kathy Webber '00
News Staff Writer

A change in the College's smoking policy met with resistance this week when McEwen Coffeehouse was deemed a non-smoking area. Before the change, Bristol Campus Center Hub and McEwen Coffeehouse were the only designated indoor smoking areas.

According to the new policy, which started on October 8, the Little Pub and Bristol Campus Center will be the new indoor smoking areas. The new policy does not affect student housing smoking rules.

According to a memo sent to the community from Daniel O'Leary, Vice President of Adminstration and Finance, the addition of new buildings created a need for a change in the smoking areas on campus. The College changed its smoking policy five years ago in response to New York State and Federal Clean Air Legislation.

Some smokers feel the new policy is unfair and do not understand the need for the change.

"Cafe Opus was always a place where smokers could smoke inside and socialize in a great atmosphere," one student remarked. "Why does it matter where the smoking areas are?"

Previously, only the upstairs section of McEwen Coffeehouse was non-smoking and the lower section allowed smoking. Some students feel this was fair to both smokers and non-smokers. However, some non-smoking students still were bothered by the smoke in the upstairs section.

"Now, I don't have to be forced to inhale second-hand smoke," said one student.

After the policy was enacted on Wednesday, students protested and voiced their opinions over the college e-mail system. Over 30 e-mails were sent out related to the new policy. Supporters for both sides expressed their reactions to the policy, and e-mail debates ensued, filling the student's e-mail

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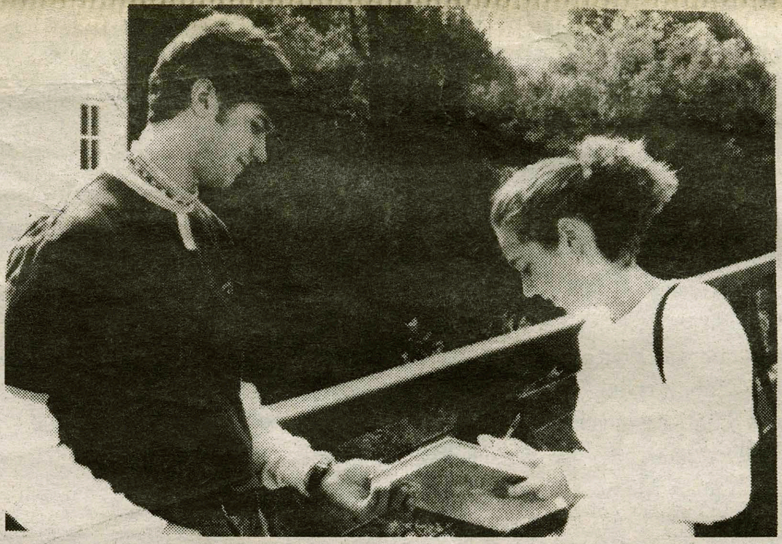
DKE encourages student rights forum

Martin's Way demonstration yields 450 signatures

By Cristen Sargent '01
News Staff Writer



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D.J. Postles '00 petitions Diana Ford '98 on October 2.

The brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon have moved quickly to rally campus support for their reinstatement in response to President Tobin's announcement last week of a two year suspension of the fraternity.

After the investigation of a September 5 DKE party where two strippers were hired to perform, the Office of the Dean of Students found the fraternity to have broken several College policies. The college has withdrawn DKE's recognition, and prohibited the recruitment of new members and the use of campus facilities, according to a memo released to the community by Tobin on September 22.

DKE held an open protest in response to this decision on Thursday, October 2, at Beinecke from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"This act is to keep the issue in students' minds to promote awareness," said DKE President Mike Peroni '99. "We want to encourage an open, ordered, democratic forum on the topic of student rights. We're challenging the legality of President Tobin's decision not as DKE brothers, but as citizens in an open community."

Over 450 signatures petitioning DKE's reinstatement were collected in just two hours, according to Peroni. Some 200 flyers advertising next Wednesday's Open Forum meeting were also distributed.

"We're distributing flyers about the Open Forum because it's a chance for students to speak to administrators and administrators to students," said Rob Singer '99. "I think communication between the two sides is lacking. I haven't yet seen any place where students are directly involved in decisions that affect them. We're trying to raise general campus awareness about the issue because this is not the start of students' rights being taken away. This is not just a DKE

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Police, College investigate Friday night altercations

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alcohol played in the fight.

The second and more serious incident occurred on the first floor of Dunham at approximately 12:30 a.m. An anonymous call came in to the Campus Safety dispatcher at 12:49 a.m., to which Assistant Director Darryl Gilette and two safety officers responded within minutes.

Based on preliminary *Spectator* interviews with students involved in the various incidents, some details can be confirmed. A group of students, including the two freshmen, were assembled in a room when the two sophomores involved in the first incident arrived with two other male sophomores and one male junior.

The sophomores and junior contend that they came to peaceably discuss the issue when one of the freshmen threw a punch which started the fight.

The freshmen, however, claim that four of the five students stormed into the room and began yelling and punching them. Andrew Osterman '00, a former Resident Advisor who was in the room and has agreed to use his name, alleges that he stepped in break up the fight and was immediately punched, pushed onto a nearby couch, and jumped on.

One first year apparently received first blows to the head. The other, in addition to being punched in the face repeatedly, was reportedly slapped across the face with the blade end of a hockey stick.

The presence of a hockey stick in the altercation is the most highly disputed aspect of the two incidents. Reports vary as to whether it was brought or was already in the room or that one was even used.

Upon arriving in Dunham, Campus Safety designated the situation a medical emergency and contacted the Emergency Medical Technicians on duty, who then decided that the injuries were serious enough to call two ambulances that took the three students to St. Luke's Hospital in Utica.

Osterman sustained head injuries and a bruised rib; one freshman, head and knee injuries; and the other, a concussion and partial memory loss. All three were released from St. Luke's at 6:30 a.m. the following morning.

Immediately following their release, the students proceeded to Campus Safety and called the Kirkland Police to file a complaint against their alleged assailants. The police are currently investigating the incident as a possible third degree assault, which is a class A misdemeanor punishable by 15 days to 12 months in jail. A second degree assault charge is a class D felony and carries a longer jail time.

According to the Penal and Criminal Law of the State of New York, the elements of the crime — intent to cause injury, severity of the injury, and criminal negligence or recklessness by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument — determine the degree of assault.

The safety officers collected the names and phone numbers of 23 eyewitnesses on the scene in Dunham. Ingalls then conducted interviews with 30 separate students in a three-day investigation of both incidents, the results of which were forwarded to the Dean of Students office on Monday, October 1.

According to the Student Handbook, the Judicial Board may assign sanctions to the students ranging from warnings to expulsion. Any students against whom disciplinary actions have been taken are allowed one week to appeal the decision to the Appeals Board.

TIMELINE OF SEPT. 27 INCIDENTS

Based on confirmed reports as of press time

12:00 a.m.	Initial altercation occurs outside North Court
12:30 a.m.	Second related incident takes place in first floor of Dunham
12:49 a.m.	Anonymous call to Campus Safety dispatcher
12:55 a.m.	Three Campus Safety officers arrive at Dunham
1:00 a.m.	EMTs are summoned by Campus Safety to deal with medical emergency
1:30 a.m.	Three students taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital
6:30 a.m.	Students released from hospital
7:00 a.m.	Kirkland Police called to investigate second incident

SPECTACLES Outdoor Education II

PHOTO BY TOM AYRES '98

Study groups popped up all over the quad this week.

Demonstration, petition aim towards student forum

PHOTO BY TOM AYRES '98

Dean of Students Jan Coates stops to talk with demonstrators on Martin's Way last week.

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thing, it's a campus thing, which is what it comes down to."

Despite allegations that DKE may be taking legal action against the school, the fraternity declined to comment at this time.

Although the Administration had recently called into question DKE's moral character, two years ago Hamilton's chapter was awarded the Lion Trophy on the basis of outstanding community service, scholarship, alumni relations and chapter improvement, a top commendation given by the national chapter of DKE.

But digging a little deeper into the fraternity's history, Jonathan Berry '01 said, "Over Fall Break I was talking to Gordon Bingham, former dean of students at Hamilton, and he told me DKE was suspended for having a stripper twenty years ago. He didn't sound surprised when I told him DKE had been suspended again."

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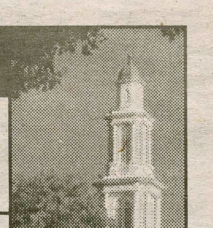

U. Michigan basketball probe nears completion

After multiple delays, the eight-month investigation into alleged improprieties committed by the Michigan men's basketball program may finally come to an end this week.

Following the University's announcement that the program violated two NCAA regulations and several claims that players accepted cash and gifts from Detroit booster Ed Martin, University President Lee Bollinger hired a private law firm to investigate.

Kansas-based law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King, which specializes in NCAA infractions and compliance, has been examining the allegations and compiling a report to release to the NCAA and to the public since March.

Vice President for University Relations Walter Harrison said he hopes the report will be finished and released within a few days.

"I am wary of promising a date since we have broken so many dates," Harrison said. "Certainly I hope it will be this week."

The report was originally expected to be released at a press conference on Sept. 8. At that time, Bollinger said the report was not yet complete, but that he hoped he could present it within two weeks.

If the report shows that the players' contact with Martin violated NCAA regulations, repercussions could be devastating to the team. The team could be put on probation and banned from post-season games, lose scholarships or be forced to give up television coverage.

Scott Tompsett, an attorney with Bond, Schoeneck & King, said yesterday that the report is close to being finished. "There were just some additional issues that we were looking into, making sure that we were doing a thorough job," Tompsett said.

Harrison said the month-long delay is a product of the need to investigate new information as it is uncovered.

"I'm sure when the report is released there will be a lot of new material," Harrison said. "That just takes time. It's taking so long because the investigators haven't finished investigating. Lee's words to the firm were 'leave no stone unturned.'

"If they find something they have to look into it," he said. "They are following up on every lead. People will say something and they will have to check that out and talk to six other people."

A February 1996 roll-over accident on M-14, involving four Michigan players and a recruit, set off a chain reaction of allegations and discussions that may culminate with the release of the report.

Rhode Island College taking steps to protect student records

Following the discovery of computer printouts listing confidential student information in a dumpster, campus offices have been ordered to retain or shred any material of a confidential nature until a campus-wide policy on their disposal can be implemented.

This decision was announced at a meeting Friday morning by Dr. Lenore DeLucia, Vice President for Administration and Finance. DeLucia called the meeting so that administrators from various campus departments could discuss the college's handling of confidential information.

During the meeting, the administrators formed a committee to develop a written policy for disposal of materials containing personal information. Those materials include evaluative papers (with grading information), financial statements, any documents pertaining to academic standing and any documents containing social security numbers, according to Greene. There are no students on the committee.

Also discussed was the possibility that the college could purchase large shredders and install them in places convenient to administrative offices.

The meeting was announced on Wednesday afternoon, in a "Media Alert" delivered to the RIC Anchor.

"The privacy rights of our entire community are a primary concern to College administration. As part of the administrative review process, members of the College administration who work directly in offices that would have or need access to documents of a sensitive nature will meet Friday morning to begin a series of discussions and to develop an action plan for the College community," the release said.

WORLD NEWS

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Moderate quake shakes Japan

TOKYO (AP) A moderate earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.2 hit off the coast of northern Japan early Friday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake was roughly 25 miles under the sea and just off the southwest coast of the northern island of Hokkaido, the Meteorological Agency said.

No warnings were issued for tsunami, undersea waves triggered by volcanic activity or earthquakes.

An earthquake of magnitude 5 can cause considerable damage to homes if it occurs in a residential area.

Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone nations, as it sits atop four tectonic plates, slabs of land that move across the earth's surface.

Report: Libya kills Islamic leader

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) A leader of an Islamic militant group opposed to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi was killed along with three comrades in clashes with the Libyan army, a major Arab daily reported Thursday.

The London-based Al-Hayat quoted a statement from the Fighting Islamic Group saying that Salah Fathy bin Salman died on Sept. 23 in the mountainous area of al-Jabal al-Akhdar near the coastal town of Darnah, 540 miles east of Tripoli.

The statement said the Libyan army has swept the area for more than a month in the area where opponents of his regime have holed up.

Bin Salman, also known as Abu Abder-Rahman Hattab, was a founder of the Fighting Islamic Group. It claimed responsibility for an assassination attempt on Gadhafi last year, saying one of its members hurled a grenade at him in the desert town of Brak. The Libyan leader escaped injury.

Gadhafi seized power in a 1969 coup and since then has maintained control by keeping a firm grip on the army, the intelligence services and police. He has also deftly manipulated Libya's system of tribal politics.

In the past two years, there have been repeated reports of assassination attempts on Gadhafi by Islamic militants and other opponents of his rule.

Israel prepares for Yom Kippur

JERUSALEM (AP) Swinging live chickens over their heads to symbolically cast away their sins, Jews prepared Thursday for Yom Kippur, the holiest day on the Jewish calendar.

Devout Jews traditionally perform the ritual in the runup to Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, which is marked by fasting and prayer. Yom Kippur begins at sundown Friday and ends at sundown Saturday.

In Jerusalem's ultra-Orthodox Mea Shearim neighborhood, men in thin plastic aprons sold squawking chickens from hundreds of colored crates stacked in the streets. Men with long black coats, black hats, beards and side locks rocked back and forth as they recited blessings.

"On Yom Kippur, you're supposed to dispose of your sins," said one man, who only gave his first name, Eli, as he swung a chicken above his head.

His wife Huvy scolded him for holding the chicken by the wings. "You're supposed to hold it here," she said, pointing to the bird's legs, which were bound with string.

After the blessing, the chickens were slaughtered with a razor-sharp knife. Men in rubber boots hosed down the narrow street to get rid of the blood and feathers.

Many Jews, including those belonging to other streams of Orthodoxy, reject the practice as barbaric and based on superstition. They note that rabbis have ruled that cash or, recently, even credit cards may be used in the atonement ritual.

Most of those who do swing the chickens give the birds to a charity that distributes them to the poor, although some opt to keep the chicken and donate money instead. The ritual, known as "kapparot," or sacrifice of atonement, has been practiced since the Middle Ages.

Bands of small children crowded around the crates, staring at the chickens. One woman, Rivka, wearing a long purple dress and a white head scarf, brought her 3-year-old son, Shalom, whose big blue eyes were transfixed by the birds. "He rarely sees live animals," she said.

The Ten Days of Penitence begin at the Jewish New Year, or Rosh Hashana, and culminate in Yom Kippur, when Jews abstain from food, drink and work.

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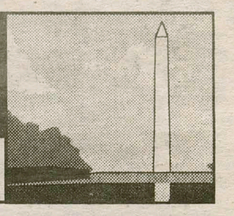

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Twelve hurt in train accident

GARDEN CITY, Ga. (AP) An Amtrak passenger train headed from New York to Miami derailed Thursday after it struck a tractor-trailer stalled on the tracks. Twelve people were injured, none seriously.

The truck's trailer got stuck on a crossing bed about 20 minutes before the 7:10 a.m. accident near Georgia 21 in Garden City, northwest of Savannah, Police Chief Jeff Wood said.

"The driver tried every way he could to get the trailer released, but nothing would work so he went ahead and called police," Wood said.

Shortly after an officer arrived, the train carrying 151 passengers and 17 crew members hit the trailer. The train derailed, but none of the cars overturned or jackknifed. The flatbed trailer got stuck underneath the train's second engine, he said. "It tore the tracks all up and made a big mess, but no one was seriously injured. It's not nearly as bad as it could have been," Wood said.

The Federal Railroad Administration said that police notified track owner CSX Transportation about the stuck trailer but that CSX notified the wrong person the dispatcher of the track parallel to the one on which the trailer was stuck.

In the future, CSX will require all trains within the general area of a potential hazard to stop before coming to a grade crossing until the hazard is removed, the agency said in a statement.

Ten passengers and engineers were treated at hospitals in nearby Savannah, but none had life-threatening injuries, spokesmen at the hospitals said. One of the engineers suffered a fracture and was admitted, as was one of the passengers. The rest were treated and released.

The train, consisting of two engines and 11 cars, left New York Wednesday and was due in Miami at 4:45 p.m. Thursday.

The uninjured passengers were loaded on buses and taken to the Amtrak station in Savannah, where arrangements were being made to get them to their destinations, said Amtrak spokesman Steven Taubenkibel.

The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating.

Eddie Bauer pays $1 million in race case

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) A federal jury awarded $1 million Thursday to three young black men who accused the Eddie Bauer chain of "consumer racism" for detaining them on suspicion of shoplifting and forcing one man to take off his shirt.

The jury of four whites and three blacks found that the young men were falsely imprisoned and defamed by store officials and that the outdoor-clothing company negligently supervised its security guards.

However, the jury did not find that the civil rights of 18-year-old Alonzo Jackson were violated by being forced to remove his shirt.

The jury deliberated seven hours over two days before awarding Jackson $850,000 in compensatory and punitive damages. His friends, Rasheed Plummer, 18, and Marco Cunningham, 20, each were awarded $75,000. They had sought $85 million.

"I'm happy we won but it doesn't give you your dignity back," Jackson said outside the courthouse.

Eddie Bauer attorney Gerald Ivey said the company was "gratified there was no finding of racial discrimination."

Lawyers for Eddie Bauer said the company's anti-discrimination policy bars unfair treatment of minority employees and customers, and its officials have apologized in writing to the plaintiffs. The lawyers instead blamed security guard Robert Sheehan, who they said acted on his own and in violation of store policy.

The three men, high school students at the time of the 1995 incident, claimed they were unnecessarily stopped and held by security guards as they left the Eddie Bauer warehouse store in Fort Washington.

Sheehan asked if Jackson had purchased the shirt he was wearing. When Jackson couldn't immediately produce a receipt he had bought the shirt at the store a day earlier Sheehan asked him to take it off and leave, according to their lawsuit.

Sheehan interrogated Jackson despite being told by a store cashier that Jackson had bought the shirt from her. Plummer and Cunningham were detained for about 10 minutes while Jackson was questioned, the lawsuit claimed.

When Cunningham protested, he was told: "Sit down or I'll lock you up," his lawyer, Ed Connor, told the jury. Jackson returned later that night with the receipt and retrieved the shirt.

The teen-agers sued the Redmond, Wash.-based store chain to prevent a repeat of such "consumer racism," said Donald Temple, the lawyer for Jackson and Plummer.

Study reveals extent of binge drinking
National, local trends deserve attention

By Matt Brand '98
News Staff Writer

It has been a sobering autumn for several universities across the nation.

In September, LSU student Benjamin Wynn died of alcohol consumption while pledging a fraternity. Last week, Scott Krueger, a freshman at MIT, died from the same causes during a fraternity rush function.

To colleges across the country, the incidents were a painful reminder of the potentially fatal results that binge drinking, defined as five or more drinks in a row for men and four or more for a woman, can have on campuses. For Hamilton, the deaths alerted many to a drinking problem in the community that has been gradually intensifying over the past few years.

Indeed, the number of students hospitalized for alcohol this semester has already exceeded the figure from previous years, and has nearly reached the yearly average. In only two months, seven students have gone to the hospital for alcohol poisoning — four in one weekend.

Coupled with the recent deaths at MIT and LSU, this increase has raised concern on campus about a problem that no one knows exactly how to handle. On a campus wrought with binge drinking, many wonder what is preventing an alcohol related death from occurring here.

But to many, the problem stems from the campus culture. Drinking, they say, is the centerpiece of social life, and the tendency is not to have a casual drink or two, but to consciously work towards unconsciousness.

"It's the accepted norm here to get totally wasted," said President of Student Assembly Sue Greenspan '99.

It is commonplace, she added, for students to drink heavily in their rooms before parties, then drink more at the social events where the atmosphere is dangerously aggressive and sexual.

Others feel that the private societies heighten the problem. While acknowledging that fraternities and sororities are not solely to blame for the epidemic, Professor of English Katherine Kodat feels that societies practice and promote getting drunk.

"Ultimately [getting drunk] is the choice of the individual. But why not make circumstances such that people aren't pushed to make these kinds of choices?" she said.

Since the deaths of Krueger and Wynn, fraternities nationwide have felt the heat of angry administrators, parents, and students who blame the societies for using inebriation as a means of establishing friendship and brotherly/sisterly bonding. In a recent *New York Times* Op-Ed article, author Walter Kirn sharply criticized fraternities in particular for misusing alcohol.

"The problem isn't only the drinking these clubs encourage," he wrote. "But also the pressurized social climate they serve their drinks in."

It was in this social climate that Kruger died, say students at MIT. The party at which he lapsed into a coma was meant "to forge a bond between freshman and upper class mentor," and every new initiate was required to drink a certain amount of alcohol.

Hamilton now faces the question of how much drinking pressure effects the social consciousness here, and the challenge of changing this trend. Frustrated and perplexed, administrators and faculty seem to take a what-more-can-we-do approach.

"It's frustrating," said Health Center Director Lucille McDermott. "The school has all the resources for people who need help, but you can't make anyone do anything."

She added that only a few students used the Center's various confidential programs, and wished that more would take advantage of the help.

Although many assume that the heavy drinking is frequent among upperclassmen, studies indicate that students begin drinking heavily early in their college careers. Harvard researchers questioned 720 Freshmen from 13 unidentified schools with the strongest levels of binge drinking, and found that 68% of freshmen went on a drinking binge sometime during their first semester and 54% did so within the first week of school.

The survey also showed that over half of the students often don't remember what they've done after drinking, and the same percent reported that they sometimes regret their behavior while drunk.

But the greatest fear here is that a fatal end awaits a binge drinking Hamilton student. The anxiety is justified when one considers that 4,000 Americans die per year from alcohol poisoning, many of whom are college students, and that the number of hospitalized Hamilton students due to alcohol is sharply increasing.

Professor of Anthropology Douglas Raybeck thinks that until drinking becomes adjunct rather than central to social activity, the fear will loom over the campus.

"One of these days, we're going to wake up and someone will be dead," he said. "The social atmosphere needs to change before this happens."

PURGING OUR BINGING
Some facts from the Harvard study

Overall, 44% of college students engaged in binge drinking (five consecutive drinks for men, four for women) during the two weeks prior to the survey.

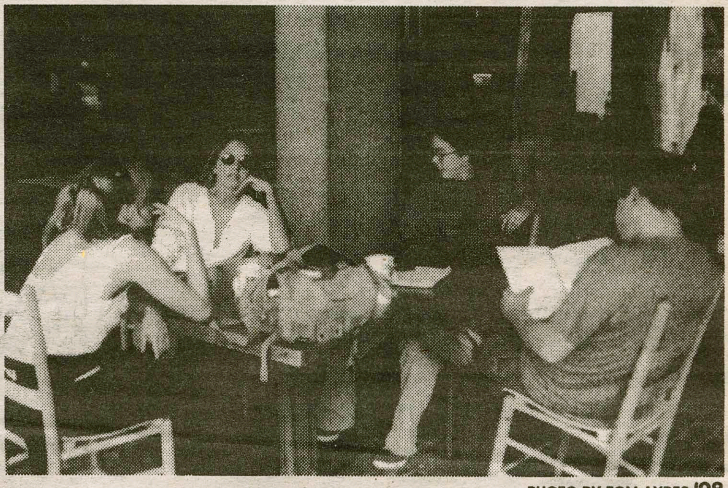
Very few students said they had a problem with alcohol at the time of the survey, even those who binge drank three or more times during the previous two weeks.

Of all "frequent binge drinkers" in the survey, 73% of the men and 68% of the women cited "drinking to get drunk" as an important reason for drinking.

33% of male binge drinkers and 26% of female binge drinkers engage in unplanned sexual activity while intoxicated. 15.5% of those surveyed did not use protection in these cases.

SOURCE: BINGE DRINKING ON CAMPUS: RESULTS OF A NATIONAL STUDY BY DRS. HENRY WECHSLER, GEORGE W. DOWDALL, ANDREA DAVENPORT, AND WILLIAM DE JONG HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

E-mail becomes forum on campus smoking rules



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Warm weather encouraged outdoor smoking outside Cafe Opus on the first day of the new smoking policy.

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in-boxes.

"Smoking is a privilage, not a right," wrote one student. Others non-smokers had a positive reaction to the new policy. "Now I can enjoy Cafe Opus without being subjected to all the smoke."

According to one e-mail, a smokeout will be held on Friday at noon in McEwen Coffeehouse to protest the new policy. In message, students were encouraged to gather at noon in the coffeehouse and smoke.

"Maybe when they realize the amount of people who want Cafe Opus to remain a smoking area, the policy will change," said one hopeful smoker.

Another voiced a stronger statement. "The students and teachers on this campus need to stand up and end this attack on our comfortable and once free Opus," said an e-mailer calling him/herself "Maskedman."

A non-smoker even threatened to snatch cigarettes from mouths

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SECURITY blotter

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OCTOBER 2

3:30 p.m. A neglected cigarette triggered a smoke detector as well as a fire alarm in Dunham.

OCTOBER 3

2:08 a.m. EMTs headed to Kirkland Dorm in response to a medical emergency.

2:31 a.m. Security was summoned to 3940 Campus Road following the thwarted attempts of a burglar.

2:55 a.m. A resident of South filed a noise complaint against some partyers.

OCTOBER 4

5:55 a.m. A larceny from McEwen was reported after pre-mature Halloweeners made off with some jack o' lanterns, witches and what not.

OCTOBER 5

12:30 a.m. A fire alarm was triggered in Major.

OCTOBER 6

2:15 a.m. A case of vandalism was reported in Carnegie.

3:54 a.m. A fire alarm was activated at the 3950 Campus Road.

1:25 p.m. Something described as an "illegal substance" was recovered from the McEwen breezeway.

4:39 p.m. A harasser was reported as aggrevating someone in North Dorm.

9:55 p.m. Some intoxicated people were reported for noisiness.

OCTOBER 8

1:00 a.m. EMTs attended to a freshman who had overendulged himself in libation.

8:26 a.m. A member of the cleaning crew at the Communications and Developement building played a role in triggering a fire alarm.

10:46 a.m. Neglected toast caused a fire alarm to sound at the Root Farmhouse.

6:15 p.m. Tools and sculptures were stolen from List.

11:20 p.m. A keg of beer was confiscated from South much to the dismay of many bona-fide "party guys."

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2:13 a.m. In Keehn some overdone veggie cooking angered a fire alarm resulting in its sounding.

RILEY'S
Occasional Ramblings
Conspiracy Theories

How many people out there have heard the theory that Hamilton College's administration is going to deny every private society the right to exist within the next couple years for some reason? Lots of people have heard about this would-be conspiracy, but there are many other supposed plots against the college community which don't get widespread attention. The following is a sampling of paranoid ideas that Hamilton students hold about various authority figures in their lives.

"Every time you get your student id card swiped at the dining hall, it becomes a little more radioactive."

"On days when lots of tours are given, the college hires actors to walk around campus posing as model students."

"The residence halls on campus are used to house convicted criminals during the summer -- otherwise it would be all right for the rooms to be bigger."

"Lots of the people who you see walking around campus and living in dorms here aren't really enrolled as students -- they're part of the witness protection program, and they're here in between homes so that the mafia will stop searching for them."

"Commons is used for meetings of Hamilton's Secret Satanist Society, which is why it is necessary for it to be dark and foreboding."

"The physical plant staff is required to spray paint the lawns late at night during the fall so that they still appear bright green up until the time when the snow covers them."

"College Hill was built by humans to cover up an ancient garbage dump used by all of central New York during the 12th century."

"Every meal eaten in the dining halls contains new experimental vitamins designed to increase the capacity of memory cells in the brain."

"Someone lives in the top of the chapel and keeps its lights burning by adding whale oil to them constantly at night."

"This campus is part of a nationwide psychological experiment to determine the effects of sleep deprivation and cold weather on young adults."

"Before we leave for a break, all students are implanted with tiny metal plates which will give them sharp pains if for some reason they start to like being at home and decide they don't want to come back."

"Large pits have been dug in the Root Glen to hold the remains of students who suffer fatal injuries while playing intramural sports."

"Large pits have been dug in the Root Glen by the security office to be used as holding cells for unruly students on weekends."

"Most classrooms on this campus can be sealed off and used as bomb shelters at a moment's notice in case of nuclear attack."

"One brick in Martin's Way can be removed to get to the treasury of the college."

"The recent drop in the squirrel population can be attributed to a rise in the price of meat. It seems that the College wanted to get rid of the squirrels, and, at the same time, Bon Appetite wanted some cheap meat. Add one and one together and you get squirrel burgers."

As you can see, a great deal of speculation goes on about the character of this campus among the student body. No one ever bothers to make an attempt at proving any of these conspiracy theories -- that would involve lots of time and effort, whereas dreaming them up is easy and amusing. So don't be too shocked by any surprising ideas you may hear about the makeup of your campus -- just listen to them, laugh, and look at the way things truly are around you.

FACES IN THE CROWD
Tekla du Hoffmann '98

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

Photo by Scott Bruss '00

Tekla du Hoffmann '98 is a senior on the go. Not only is du Hoffmann a Resident Advisor in Kirkland Dorm, but she is also the tour guide coordinator and a Peer Tutor. She is also a Varsity rower, hosts a radio show on WHCL, and that's not all.

Du Hoffmann has known she would become a Resident Advisor at Hamilton since her first year. She lived in Kirkland her first year, and was excited to return there this year. She was also very excited about advising first-years. Though du Hoffmann knew for quite some time that she wanted to be a Resident Advisor she says, "I waited because I wanted to get a good feel for what I thought Hamilton was before I started helping out first-years."

One of du Hoffmann's lighter activities is her position as a disc jockey at WHCL. Du Hoffmann's show is the continuation of the radio show that she hosted with Kate Kuykendall '99 last year. The show is entitled "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" and is an all '80s classic rock and easy listening show. Du Hoffmann and Kuykendall are excited about this year's show because it seems they have a sponsor in the works. Sponsorship would enable the duo to hold trivia contests and give out prizes.

The achievement du Hoffmann is most proud of is her position as tour guide coordinator for the Admissions program. This is du Hoffmann's second year as coordinator. Last year her primary duty was to interview and hire all present tour guides. This year, however, du Hoffmann and Co-Coordinator Allison Root '00 have been given supervision of the entire program, which includes an office and more leeway to experiment with new ideas.

Du Hoffmann became interested in admissions work because she likes helping people choose their college, especially since she did not receive much guidance in her own search. In keeping with this theme she ended up living in the "tour room," South 101, the room shown to all Hamilton tour groups. Du Hoffmann is also on the Student Admissions Committee, which handles telethons, recruiting, calling perspectives, and scheduling open houses and over nights.

One of du Hoffmann's greatest loves is rowing. Although she has been rowing since the beginning of her first year she says, "I went to the first meeting because my roommate dragged me." Last year she was excited to be a part of a boat going to the "Head of the Charles," a famous regatta. Unfortunately, however, the regatta was rained out for the first time in twenty three years. Of this year she says, "Hopefully I'll make the boat and go."

In the past four years the rowing program has made great leaps and bounds. Du Hoffmann says that it is amazing to see so much progress so soon. "It is interesting seeing the change from a completely student run organization to one with a real coach. I think it is a good step forward. I started rowing when we didn't have a boathouse and it is exciting for me to get to this point."

A little known fact is that aside from all her campus activities du Hoffmann still tries to find time to participate in her favorite activity, tap dancing. She has been dancing for many years and took private lessons for over twelve years.

Tekla du Hoffmann is the kind of woman many people would like to see more of on campus. She has deftly woven athletic and academic achievements, recreation, and responsibility into her life and stands as a role model for the community all the while.

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On Sunday September 21 three Chinese delegates landed at the Syracuse airport after a four hour delay in Beijing. They checked into the guest rooms at the Bristol Campus Center later that night, and were up early the next morning to see the campus, meet the President, Vice President, and Dean of Faculty.

President Li Quan Zhang, Director of Foreign Affairs Jian Ping Liu and his assistant Xu Hong Zhang were visiting from the Capital University of Economics and Business (CUEB) in Beijing. CUEB is the institution which hosts the students that the program in China (Associated Colleges in China or ACC) has sent to their campus for the past two years. All together, ACC, which is administered by Hamilton College, has sent approximately 120 students, 19 were from Hamilton. These students have returned with excellent knowledge of the Chinese language, culture, and society.

The delegates were here to express their pleasure with the partnership between Hamilton and CUEB and their satisfaction with the progress that past students have made while participating in ACC. They were also eager to discuss the possibility of expanding exchange between Hamilton, Oberlin and Williams to include not only an exchange of students, but also to include visits from various professors to CUEB to give lectures and presentations, and vice versa. To discuss this issue, the delegates met with President Tobin, Vice President O'Leary, Acting Dean of Faculty David Paris, and Associate Dean of Faculty Barbara Gold.

For more information about the Associated Colleges in China program contact Program Director Hong Gang Jin.

Student confidence unshaken by violence

By Emily Hill '01
Features Writer

To the outside world, Hamilton College is the picture of tranquility, sitting on a hill in the beautiful setting of rural, upstate New York. It flaunts an attractive array of old and new buildings, as well as a multitude of prestigious professors, and some of the country's best and brightest young men and women. But is it all just a handsome facade? In light of the violent fight that sent several Hamilton students to the hospital just two short weekends ago we are forced to question our safety. Is life on campus as safe and serene as it appears to the outside world, or are there really prevalent inside cases of violence?

According to the students themselves, who are the ones most directly involved in life on the Hill, the great majority feel very safe. As Hardy Helburn '01 says rather sarcastically, but truthfully, "I feel totally safe, and I can always call extension 4000" on one of the several new security phones that were installed over the summer.

Tara Woolford '99 echoes Helburn's thoughts in that she also feels safe, "It's a small campus and I have walked across it at nearly every hour of the night and I always feel very safe."

When asked if the recent fight on campus between two freshmen males and some upperclassmen made them feel less safe, or even threatened, everyone questioned replied with a definitive "no," and was basically unfazed by the incident.

In spite of the fact that no one felt any less safe, Jen Lenteck '99 feels that "sometimes it can be kind of intimidating as you're walking home alone from a party and you see a bunch of drunk guys," though she was quick to point out that she "feels safer here than at home."

Sara Millward '01 agreed with Lenteck, remarking in respect to the recent fight that she "still feels very safe on campus, but if it becomes a continual occurrence then I would start to feel unsafe."

One senior male did admit that he would be a little afraid to say "no" if asked for a cigarette, because supposedly that is how the whole fight started. If there was any hesitancy in anyone's mind about the safety issue, it was over exactly that, the trivial nature of the fight. It made many people question the rationale of the people involved, though most attributed the poor judgement to the influence of alcohol.

Essentially, both male and female students shared similar opinions on the issue of safety, and "I feel very safe" quickly became the standard reply. The general consensus was that Hamilton College is a very safe place to be, with the possible exception of the middle of the night when parties are letting out. Even then though, most people were hasty to reply that they weren't ever really worried that anything would happen. In the words of Dana Wade '01 who feels completely safe on campus, "It's all what you subject yourself to, but if you're smart about it then you should have no reason to feel unsafe."

FILE PHOTO

Dunham was the scene of the recent violence on campus.

Attention Writers!!! If you would like to write for Features contact Features Editor Sarah Byrne at x1056 or email sbyrne.

Outing Club sponsors 46 Peak Hike

By Cristen Sargent '01
News Staff Writer

The Outing Club's third annual 46 Peak Weekend brought cuts, bruises, exhaustion and sore muscles, and everyone who hiked seemed to have a story to tell. Over the weekend of September 27th and 28th, Hamilton students tried to hike the highest 46 peaks of the Adirondack Mountains.

Over one hundred people spanned the Adirondacks, hiking easy, moderate and hard core trails in the most heavily participated weekend yet. Though every group couldn't claim victory in terms of peaks covered, gorgeous weather and good company made the day a success.

Matt Thornton '98 and Broxton Bird '99 went "hard core," hiking twenty six miles over three peaks.

They left Friday afternoon and drove north to the Upper Works area of the High Peak Region. That evening they hiked three miles to the trail head and set up camp for the night.

"We had three peaks to hit so we split up. Broxton did Cliff Mountain and I did Redfield," remarked Thornton. "We met to climb Allen Mountain, which was a trailless mountain." Most 46 peakers stuck to the well marked trails, but "hard core" level hikers opted to bushwhack.

"We ended up jogging to the trail head for Allen Mountain. There was a small trail, but not much. It was completely covered in branches; I'm still sore and scraped up. We got up halfway, about three miles or so. We had to hike out over four miles in the dark. That was the most intense hiking I've ever experienced. By Saturday night our Power Bars had worn off; I was so exhausted. We just drove back to Hamilton in complete silence and we didn't get there until 12:30. We basically defined hard core," said Thornton.

Top Charanachitta '01 and his group defined "lost freshmen." Following what they thought was the trail on the way back down, they didn't get off the mountain until 11 o'clock Saturday night. After leaving Hamilton at 5 AM, the four first-years had a three hour car ride to the Adirondack Lodge and "moderate" Mount Camden, their obstacle for the day.

"It took us four hours to get to the top. But we went down a different way and got lost. One girl pulled her quad and one guy got dehydrated, so we had to stop every fifteen minutes to rest. It took us five hours to get down, but we made it down to the base of the mountain. We only had two flashlights, so we were pretty much hiking down the side of the mountain in the dark."

After a day like that, one might think the freshman would be discouraged from trying it again. But Charanachitta just chalked it up to inexperience and said, "If we hadn't gotten lost, it probably would have been nicer, but the day was gorgeous. We had a great view from the top -- you could see beautiful lakes and mountains. I'd definitely do the hike again, but be better prepared next time."

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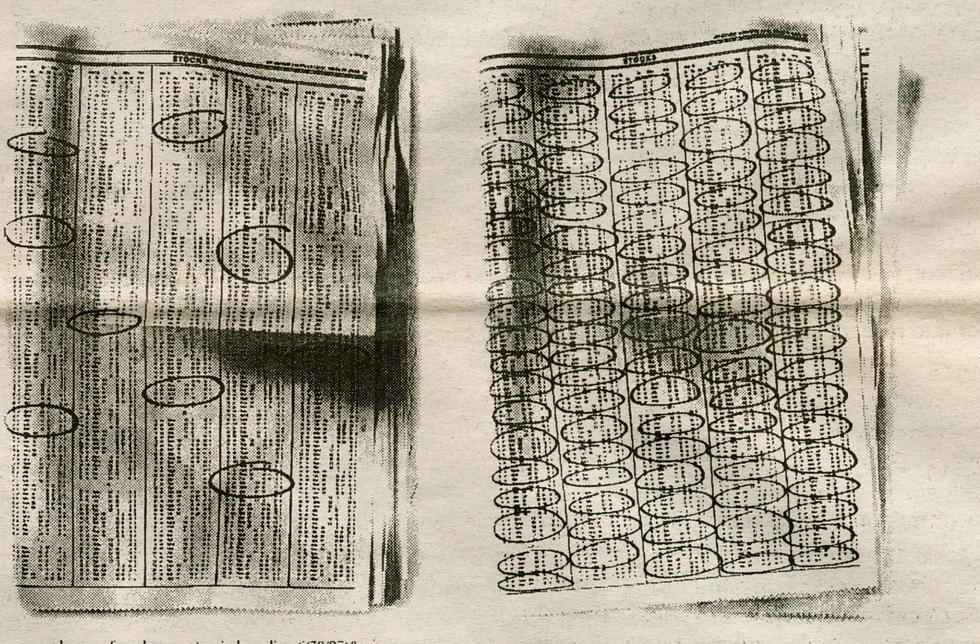

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New smoking policy cause for debate

By Sarah Byrne '00
Features Editor

Coming back to the Hill, most students felt refreshed even from the short break. It was good to be back, good to resume some sense of normalcy. Students began getting back into the swing of things by unpacking, checking phone messages, reading through enormous amounts of email: "Trash, trash, hee hee...what a funny forward. Trash, trash...huh? 'Revised Campus Smoking Policy?' What is this?"

Upon arrival from break most of us checked our email to find the "Revised Campus Smoking Policy" memo sent out to the entire campus by Vice President Daniel J. O'Leary. The letter stated that effective "October 8, 1997, the College designates that the two indoor smoking areas on campus will be the Bristol Campus Center Hub and The Little Pub...McEwen Coffeehouse is now designated as a non-smoking area."

Of course the administration would expect at least a little bit of anger at such a decision considering the sheer number and loud voice of Hamilton's smoking community. The response so far has been a phenomenal flood of angry mass emailings intermingled with an occasional bit of reason.

Several students have suggested that the new smoking policy is just another example of the administration flexing its moral might. The argument follows that smoking is seen as "bad" and "wrong" and these new rules are just an attempt to moralize the entire campus through policy. As adults, these individuals feel that they have the ability to make their own decisions rather than have "people with 'holier-than-thou' attitudes" decide for them. Advocates of this argument have suggested passive resistance to the new policy in what has been dubbed the "Great Campus Wide Smokeout," which is to take place today at noon in Cafe Opus.

Non-smokers engaged in the great debate have taken the stance that second-hand smoke infringes upon their right to health. "Why should I have to inhale cigarette smoke when I don't want to?" queried one non-smoker. Smoking has been proven to cause lung cancer (even the smokers in this debate don't argue this point), so why shouldn't all the chemicals and carcinogens that smokers breathe out into the air cause harm to the health of non-smokers breathing in that same smoke?

One smoker argued that second-hand smoke only causes damage after long periods of exposure. To be fair, there have not been enough studies to date about the exact amount of exposure to second-hand smoke that causes health problems. There are many factors that increase one's chances for serious health problems such as heart disease, bronchial diseases, and lung cancer. Smoking just happens to be one factor and there have not been conclusive studies as to the effects of second-hand smoke on any of these as well as a myriad of other health problems.

Several smokers also contend that non-smokers don't have to breathe in their smoke -- they can just leave. This is not fair. Telling non-smokers that they cannot sit peacefully in Cafe Opus and enjoy a coffee without smoke is the same as telling smokers that they cannot sit peacefully in Cafe Opus and enjoy a cigarette. There must be some type of compromise. Jennifer Mills '00 remarked that, "The coffeehouse is big enough for the both of us if we all show some consideration and tolerance."

Mills added her own view to the debate: "As a smoker myself, of course I want to still be able to smoke in Opus. We are not asking to be able to light up in class, simply retain our smoking lounge." She also made the point that, "The Hub is not a social place, and as for the Pub, as far as I have experienced, it is a bar, and smoking has always been allowed there." Mills believes that since students do not feel that they were a part of the decision smokers will simply continue to smoke in Opus.

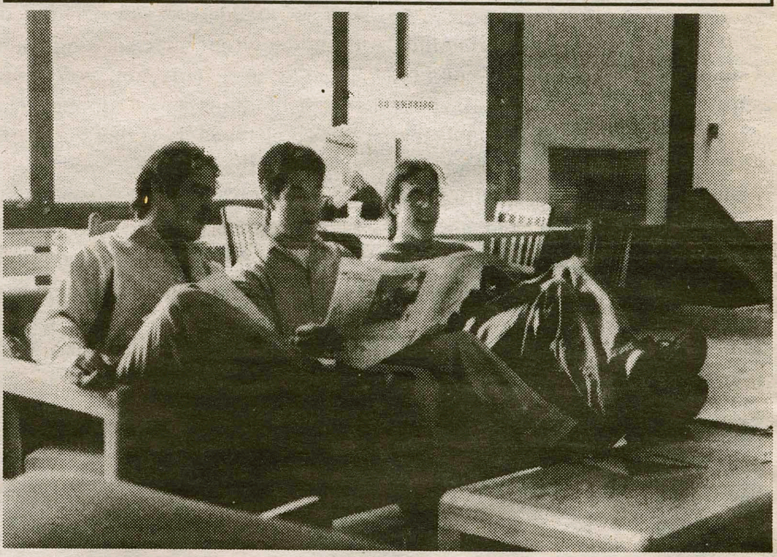
Jaime Tackett '98, who is abroad this semester but has heard about the issue via email, said that, "I am a non-smoker, but I don't agree with the method with which this new mandate was imposed upon us.

"I have attempted to think about the issue from the perspective of smokers, non-smokers, and the College. The conclusion I have come to is that I have yet to hear anything productive. Angry responses to a decision students had no say in will not produce results." She also reminds students that, "There are so many productive avenues that we forget are available. We are so quick to anger, that we don't take the time to think rationally about solutions. Showing that we are mature and responsible is the best way to be treated as such."

It's too easy to sit in front of your computer and barrage your fellow students with your feelings on this issue, whatever they may be. Mass emailings will not be taken seriously by the administration, especially when students use aliases like "puffy" or "smoky the bear" rather than their real names. This decision was made in a "behind closed doors" fashion designed to keep out student input. Since we are all adults here, I do not believe that disobeying the rules is a solution. It's like your parents always told you, "If you want them to treat you like adults, you have to act like adults." Most upstanding, mature adults do not simply disobey rules or laws that they believe to be wrong. Rather, such mature individuals work to change the rules. To anyone that cares enough: challenge the new smoking policy.

Contracts & Controversy

What will become of Opus?



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Students enjoying the cozy atmosphere of Cafe Opus.

Cafe Opus contract negotiations under way

By Kristen Holderle '00
Features Writer

One of the favorite hang outs of students on campus is Cafe Opus, where you can sit and relax, read the paper or hang out with friends while enjoying the atmosphere and benefits of a coffee shop. Cafe Opus is owned by Sarah Goldstein and Larry Bender, independent vendors that have been working at the College under contract for the last three years. At the end of this academic year, however, their contract expires. In order to continue to serve the Hamilton community in the way in which the students have become accustomed, as well as to make some improvements, contract negotiations are now underway for the upcoming years.

One of the things that is most important to the owners of Cafe Opus is getting more support from the College than they had in their previous contract. Having the business here for the past three years has given them many ideas about things which they would like to improve or see done differently. These ideas have been presented to the administration in hopes of sparking talks about the new contract.

One thing which Goldstein and Bender are looking for is increased financial support from the College so that they can continue to use Cafe Opus as a social space, since this has become the most important feature of it for community members. According to Goldstein they have proposed that the College help them with student workers so that they can increase the hours of the business without having to worry so much about their own finances. She stressed the fact that she is looking to the College to help remove some of the uncertainty that often comes with owning a small business so that they can concentrate on being creative and innovative for the students who use the facility.

Other things which have been proposed deal with more support in terms of equipment so that they can have more efficient preparation of the goods which they sell, as well as more control over the adjacent lounge. Though they are not asking to control what happens in the space since it is College property, Goldstein said that she hopes to have more leeway in how it is decorated so that students can get full use out of the facility.

The contract negotiations so far have been very positive. Goldstein feels good about the meetings she has had with President Tobin and Director of Auxiliary and Contract Services Betsy Espe. As of now, things are still in the negotiation stages and it is hard to say exactly what will come of the suggestions that the owners have made, but they will continue to try and work with administrators to come to an agreement that will be satisfactory to both parties. Although she is unsure of the exact content of the contract, Goldstein feels very encouraged that her suggestions will be taken into consideration and that by the end of the academic year Cafe Opus' contract will be renewed in some form by the College.

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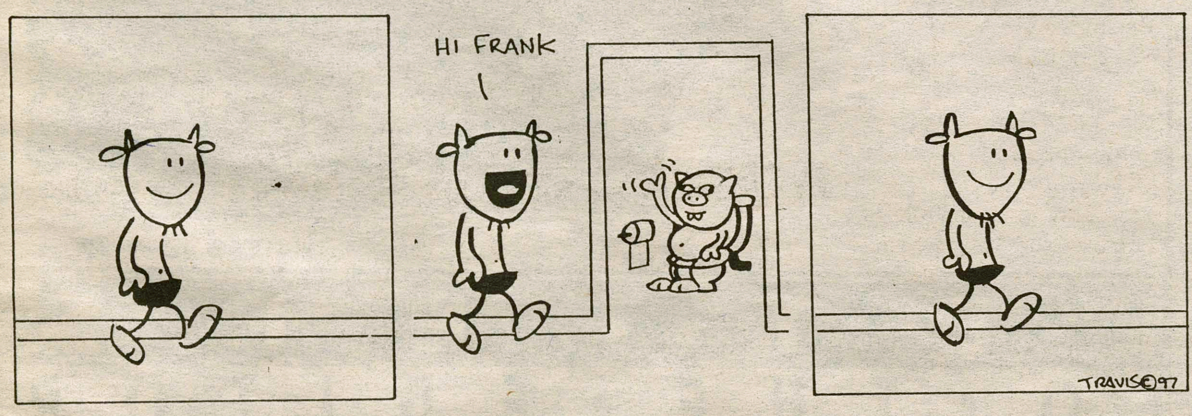

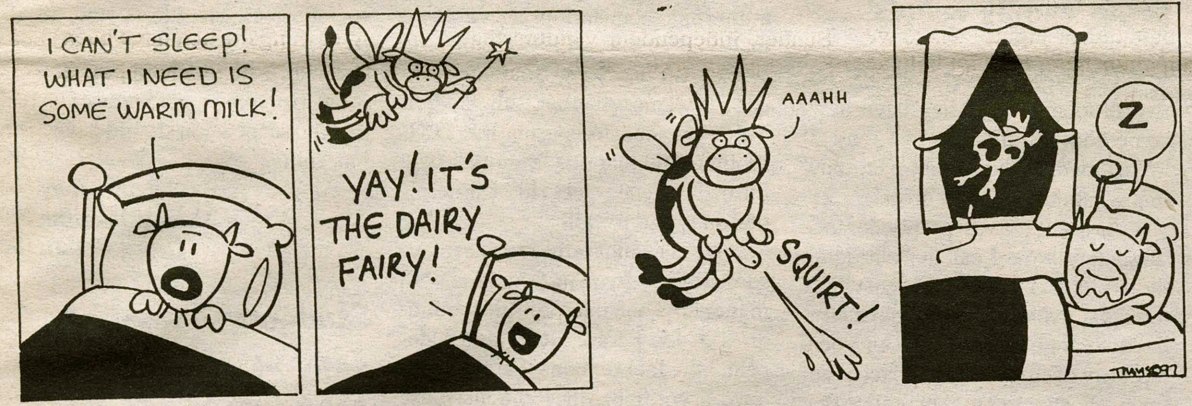

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Campus Crossword

TIME SHARING by Bob Lubbers
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5 Food thickener
9 Pie nut
14 Actor Jannings
15 Arizona city
16 Make amends
17 Lillian Hellman play
20 Pigpen
21 Ambiance
22 Thumbed (through)
23 Legal penalty
24 R.I. neighbor
25 Declare
28 In awe
29 Poetic dusk
32 Arise
33 Hunters' prey
34 Rights org.
35 Leroy Anderson tune, with "The"
38 Comic Johnson
39 Son of Eve
40 *Kate &* __
41 Cow comment
42 Mr. Rogers
49 Brio
50 Beatnik's home
53 Slim-waisted shape
56 One at __ (individually)
57 Jane's dog
58 Prayer end
59 Challenger
60 Short trips
61 Tiff

DOWN

1 Church seating
2 "I __ my wits' end!"
3 Metropolis
4 RN's offering
5 Quantity
6 Art style
7 Nick and Nora's pooch
8 Stadium sound
9 Mom or Dad
10 Allen or Frome
11 Stylist's forte
12 Charles' sister
13 Require
18 See 11 Down
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23 Pasture divider
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25 State of India
26 Prefix for foam
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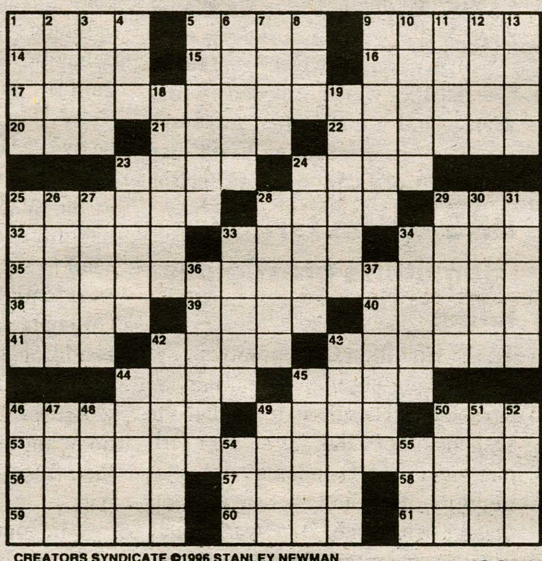

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-Anonymous

"I did so many Blow Jobs tonight, I feel sick."
-Anonymous girl referring to how many shots she had.

"Oh man, I'm not flushing, cause that's SUCH a cool color I just made."
-Karl Mellander '00

"I am actually excited to drive home by myself. 3 hours of me, myself, and I. I can pick my nose, I can do whatever I want!"
-Overheard in Dunham before break.

PERSONALS

Girl on Martin's Way-
Only the Blind Pelican walks with a gated limp.
-Boy on Bicycle

Girl on Path-
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EDITORIAL

This is our college too

How can Hamilton call itself a community when campus policy is changed without the prior consent or even notification of the majority? Vice President Dan O'Leary's alteration of the Campus Smoking Policy is not merely a loss for smokers and a victory for non-smokers, but a blow to relations between the administration and all students who would live in a fair and reciprocal community.

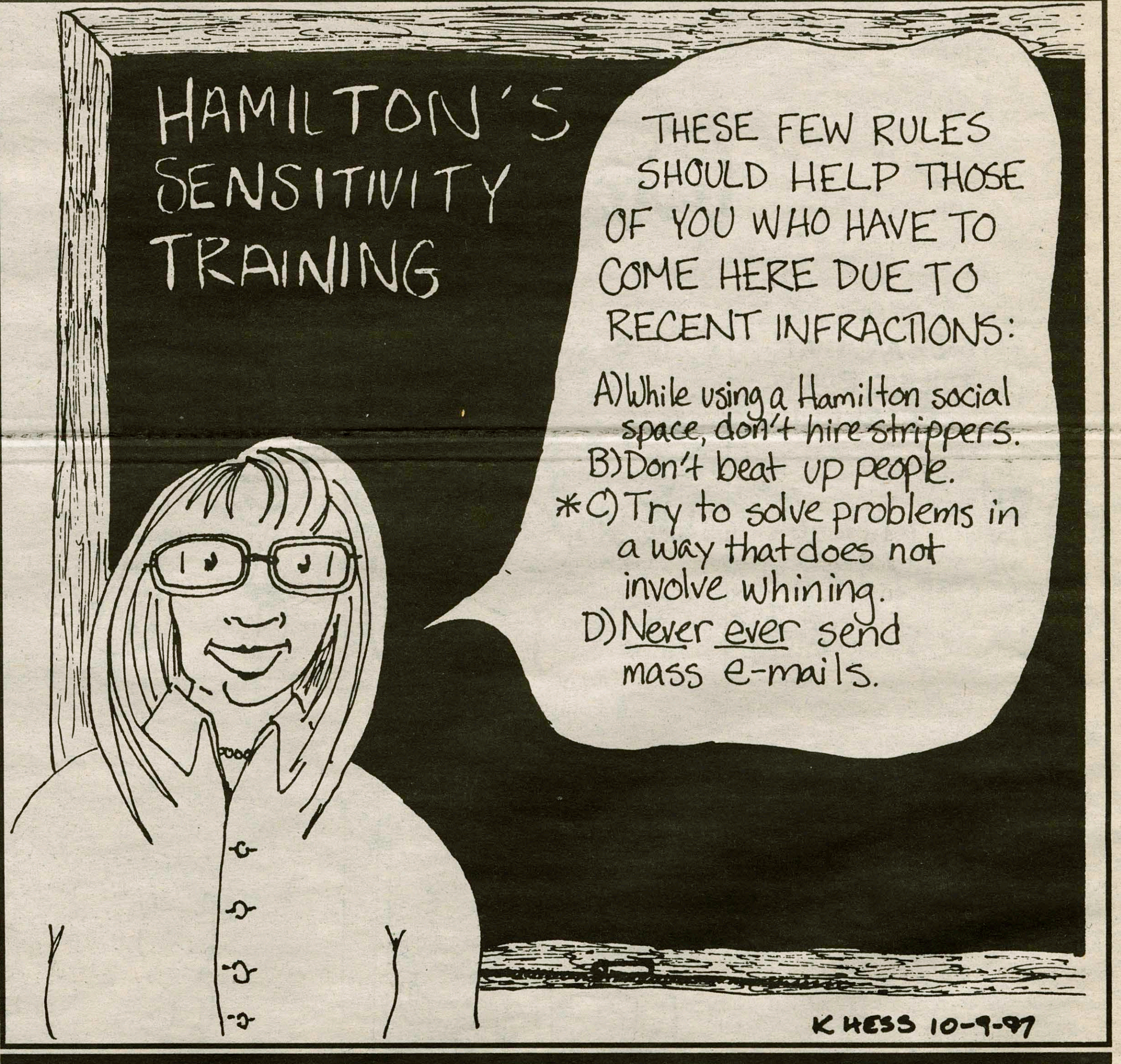
Whether smoking is right or wrong, a right or a privilege, is not the issue that demands the most attention. The barrage of emails supporting and opposing the ban illustrates that students have been motivated to take action in defense of their beliefs. The question we need to ask is if our concerns will be heeded by the administration, or if the Opus incident will be another testimony to the student body's powerlessness in matters that directly affect it.

There could be a dangerous side affect if the student body's momentum is not recognized. When the administration unjustly crosses a group of students, that group naturally reacts. But what will happen if initiatives aimed at reexamining policy consistently dissolve in the hands of an administration that is unwilling to compromise? Apathy will result. If voicing our opinions and organizing to accomplish a common goal never get us anywhere, why should we ever take action?

That is not to say that Hamilton is without institutions that directly empower the students. But in light of the smoking ban we must wonder if the powers that pass such decisions really acknowledge the need to at the very least open a channel of communication between the policy makers and the policy takers. Worse yet, the decision was made over the recess - that was a cowardly move to activate a policy on the day of our return, when we knew nothing of it five days earlier.

Yanking the right to smoke in Cafe Opus was not a sweeping, college-level policy change like the Residential Life decision of 1995. Smoking indoors probably won't have much of an effect on Hamilton's academic prowess, so why dance around the student body on this one? We have to live with the rule, we should have a say whether or not there should be smoking in Cafe Opus, not a few bureaucrats whose faces most students wouldn't recognize anyway.

Consider this then a formal challenge to Vice President O'Leary and all other officials responsible for this act to open up the floor for some real discussion on the matter. If the College preaches challenging opinions and taking firm stances on issues we believe in, we call the College to stand up to its word.



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LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

Professor: DKE needs some 'family values'

To the Editor:

The Dekes have, not one, but two problems: 1) They have done something absolutely gross, and 2) [What's worse] they do not even know that what they did was gross.

As to #1, the vast preponderance of society would call it "outraging the public decency." The event which took place was, by standards of civilized society, immoral. The vocal minority of students who reacted defensively should quickly realize that participating in such activity has nothing to do with the constitution or free speech.

As to #2, one could hope that over the break, if the participants had the guts to discuss the event with their families, they would learn something about "family values," and "conduct becoming gentlemen," as the student handbook used to put it — "without rules to cover every occasion."

The President of the college has done nothing but upheld those high standards of conduct expected of Hamilton students and society at large.

In my book, the Dekes are fortunate that they were not closed for four years. Or, for that matter, forever.

Sidney Wertimer
Professor of Economics, Emeritus

DKE actions tarnish 'Hamilton's prestigious name'

To the Hamilton Community:

Despite popular belief, not everybody at Hamilton feels that the suspension of DKE involved a serious violation of students' rights. A minority of us, however small, feels that the behavior of DKE was grossly indecent and merited the punishment it received.

Since the suspension of DKE, numerous accusations have been made against President Tobin and against the College. Students have alleged, among other things, that Tobin wishes to stigmatize DKE brothers and that this is another way for the College to get rid of fraternities once and for all.

DKE cannot refuse to accept responsibility for their actions. No matter how one interprets the boundaries of the phrase "lewd and indecent," the fact remains that the word lewd, according to the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, means "inclined to, characterized by, or inciting to lust or lechery." No sane person can claim that naked erotic dancers do not incite lust — the very goal of the profession is to incite lust in customers! Must the constitution of the college specify each and every instance of "lewd and indecent behavior?" Must we legislate common sense? President Tobin has been villified, yet he is not the one who hired the strippers, reserved the social space for these strippers, or sponsored the party at which these strippers appeared. He merely upheld the College's policy concerning such behavior. It is very clear where the guilt lies in this situation.

A letter to the editor appeared in last week's Spectator in which Gregory Pomeroy, DKE '94, wrote due to the suspension, "...the academic integrity of the College is threatened." I fail to see how strippers add to the "academic integrity" of Hamilton College. It seems to us that for Hamilton's prestigious name to be attached to such actions would be far worse than for the brothers of DKE to do without naked dancing girls at their functions on the Hamilton campus.

In engaging in such behavior and refusing to accept the consequences, DKE not only reflects negatively on itself, but on all private societies, on Hamilton, and all its students. Perhaps DKE should consider itself lucky that its suspension is only for two years. Some of us feel that the suspension should have been indefinite.

Scott Hiley '00
Altemis Dorville '00
Lynne Salkin '00

Students to sponsor campus-wide rape survey

To the Editor:

Recently, we were talking about the problem of rape on campus. We were concerned about whether or not the statistics reported in the security report represent the reality. Although the stastics have risen in the past two years from 0 to 4 reported rapes, we still question the accuracy of this.

In discussing ways to better understand the degree of this problem, we were pointed towards an informal survey conducted on campus during the Spring of 1993. We would like to duplicate this survey. If you have been raped on campus, please send us a piece of paper with the word "I" on it. If you know of a friend (male or female) who has been raped on campus, please send us a piece of paper with the word "friend" on it. These can be sent anonomously to either of us through campus mail by October 22.

We'd like to believe that Hamilton is the exception to the national statistic which says that 1 in 4 women are survivors of rape or attempted rape. However, if we aren't an exception, people should be aware that this is going on. So, to start things off, we'll be the first to say "friend."

Leah Bridgers '98
Sarah Hastings '99

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Administration wants Bon Appetit in, Opus out

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern and disgust with the Hamilton College Administrative body. I am specifically refering to Mr. Dan O'Leary's brief e-mail message titled "Revised Campus Smoking Policy." In this letter to the entire campus, Mr. O'Leary states that the campus' two smoking sections changed from the Hub and the McEwen Coffeehouse area to the Hub and the Little Pub. This e-mail does not state why the changes were made (there is an allusion to extinguish the smoke at McEwen). I salute you, your concern has show through and your ideals are strong. You would like to make money. You, the Administration, has not saved anyone from having to suffer the effects of second-hand smoke inhalation. If this was your goal you would have completely rid all public places of smoking. You have decided to herd those who have decided to smoke into the Little Pub. Here lies the major problem. By making the Pub a completely open area for smokers, drinkers and other socialites, the administration is forcing the school's population to be dependent on the grossly bloated monopoly that is Bon Appetit. Our own administration is fighting to better the profit of an organization that is robbing us blind. Bon Appetit has a monopoly over the entire school and the quality of their food and service will not change till they are no longer being fed our money.

I am calling on the population to take control over its lives. We do not want to support a bloated fat administration that does not think of the populations' desire or even include the campus in its decisions. I call on the student population to write to the trustees to let them know of your dissatisfaction with the way the school is being run and to lead your lives as you always have before the administration passed down its ruling. I urge people on both sides of this argument to avoid conflict with each other and focus our collective energy toward the Administration that has only its best interest at heart and not ours.

George H. Zaleski '98

Multicultural Consortium shares goals

To the Editor:

The Multicultural Consortium represents the various multicultural groups at Hamilton. The Consortium is dedicated to providing a support network for the cultural organizations, promoting awareness of cultural issues and working toward attaining mutual goals. In addition, the Consortium creates a forum to address issues regarding incidents of institutional oppression.

The Consortium is currently organizing a Cultural Awareness Week to provide the member organizations with an opportunity to educate the Hamilton Community about their cultures and issues that pertain to each group. For more information about the Multicultural Consortium, contact Tom Royal at x4021.

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Native American Student and Studies Association
Office of Multicultural Affairs
Sister Friend
Students at Hamilton Against Racism and Prejudice
Womyn's Community Center

DKE upset with unfair treatment, inconsistency

To the Hamilton Community:

To follow up on the past three weeks of campus life, the brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon would like to make it clear that while we recognize the morality of our actions on September 5th as debatable, we do not agree with President Tobin's ultimate sanctions. We view the actions taken upon us as alarming because no one learned any lesson in the process. We were given no options in terms of an alternate sentence and believe that if the school's job is to promote an academic environment that fosters education through discussion and acceptance of the rights and views of others, then our condemnation educates no one. Moreover, we believe that our punishment is unjust and inconsistent with previous decisions regarding this matter. In the past three weeks we have repeatedly said "If we had only known, this never would have happened." Strippers have attended private functions on campus before and have been observed by security. Our punishment is inconsistent with the lack of punishment in previous cases involving strippers. As John Rawls states in his book, *A Theory of Justice*, such inconsistency leads to even greater injustice: ". . . even where laws and institutions are unjust, it is often better that they should be consistently applied." In this way those subject to them at least know what is demanded and they can try to protect themselves accordingly; whereas there is even greater injustice if those already disadvantaged are also arbitrarily treated in particular cases when the rules would give them some security.

In all honesty, we feel as though we have been unfairly treated due to the inconsistency of the judgment handed down upon us. Finally, we realize that confrontation leads to understanding, and therefore welcome all voices of opposition.

The Brothers of Delta Kappa Epsilon

Embracing escapism: understanding the slacker warrior

KYLE HARRIS
PLAYFUL PONDERINGS

Wheels speeding over concrete at seventy five miles-per-hour guard me from fears deeply planted in my mind. The plains of Kansas, barely visible under the star-crazy sky, slide by in a dark blue blur. If I am constantly in motion I will not be shot at by the thousands of pressures, anxieties and social restrictions pointing in my direction. Free from commitment, I press my foot firmly on the accelerator and continue down the road.

Life is a restrictive force. Without choice, we are born. Placed into the hands of other people, we grow up to be adults. Abstract structures such as governments, churches, schools and families dictate our choices, beliefs and priorities. Moralities, created by our upbringing, force us to act in certain ways. We live our lives under the influence of abstractions.

In America, college, religion, culture and property create unnecessary pressure within ourselves. Each day we work to succeed in our society. Success is measured in the form of abstractions. Grades, money and praise, all false human constructs, determine our emotions and ideas.

If we try to escape, we are criticized for our social apathy, hopelessness and slacker attitudes. Older generations of materialists beg us not to buy into the slacker mentality, telling us we are a promising generation. We must defy the assumption that social progress can be achieved with capitalistic gain. Escaping society and being hopelessly apathetic are two entirely different actions.

If an individual chooses to leave American society and disregards the lies of the establishment by turning his or her back on institutionalized stupidity, she or he is not being apathetic or hopeless. After leaving society, one must have an alternative method of living. By practicing an alternative to the established social order, an individual asserts that hope still exists.

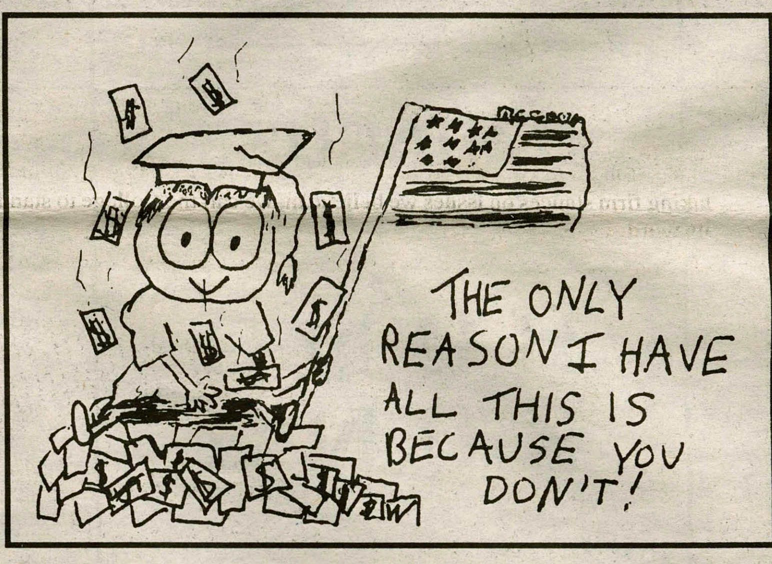
Conforming to the abstractions of America's imperfect, established social order indicates an individuals apathy. Supporting capitalistic class oppression, male superiority, heterosexual dominance and racial supremacy, the apathetic patriot achieves social success without criticism.

The term "slacker" indicates an individual's hostility toward social abstractions. A true slacker refuses to participate in the hypocrisy of society. Instead, the slacker leaves society and exists for the sole purpose of existing.

Leaving society does not mean loosing touch with it. In the present, living without being somewhat dependent upon society would be impossible. The boundaries of nations prevent individuals from living completely free, nomadic lives.

Living on the road, in a community, on the streets and in nature are all alternative methods of living apart from the lifestyle of a typical American. While many criticize the idealism of the anti-establishment slacker, they refuse to acknowledge the oppression they actively encourage by kowtowing to capitalistic normalities.

Each individual chooses between destroying individual dignity, personal freedom and love. They aggressively defend American society, or escape the oppressive nature of society and live as far apart from social order as possible. In the college environment, we can choose between the two alternatives. Preparing ourselves to add fuel to the fire of American social order, we can continue to restrict our ability to live. By devoting ourselves to rebel against the intrinsic greed of American society, we can create a peaceful, loving community for all people.



Each individual must prioritize between traditional, worthless social abstractions and the possibility of a freethinking, sharing, idealistic world community. Before insisting that a slacker is hopeless, the patriot should evaluate whether or not she or he considers idealism dead. If the patriot settles for society's imperfection, then she or he embraces apathy. If the slacker defies society because of its flaws, then she or he is hopeful that an idealistic reality is possible.

The road continues onward past the empty fields of Kansas. I drive, moving away from and towards America. The night is long and lonely. I wait for the morning, when other cars will speed by my side.

LETTERS AND OP-ED POLICY

The Spectator's Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, _The Spectator_ does have editing policies for contributions.

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to _The Spectator_ via campus mail, email at "spec@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be dropped off at _The Spectator's_ office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh double density disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

6. Letters submitted anonymously will not be printed. However, letters may be printed with the names withheld upon request, subject to the discretion of the editors.

Silent voices, unheard protests: Is anybody listening?

JENNIFER IRVINE
ALL ABOUT THAT

The recent Cafe Opus bomb shell has the campus in an uproar. Proof of this can be found in Wednesday's flood of angry emails and increased smokers in smokeless Opus. I'm convinced that the real issue behind all of the raucous is not a smoker versus non-smoker battle, but rather a community effort against the Hamilton administration. Hamilton is constantly making decisions that many students adamantly oppose.

Yet, time and time again, Hamilton proves that it is useless to resist. They have demonstrated in numerous cases that once a resolution is announced, no amount of protest or eloquently worded letters, speeches or articles have any effect in pressuring the administration to buckle in any way whatsoever.

The administration seems to spring surprises on students all of the time, then sits back to watch the fireworks, waiting patiently until unhappy tuition payers tire from frustration. Should we just give up? Should we sit back like helpless creatures and let our lives be lived for us?

I've always been a very cause driven person, but no matter what I do or see other concerned students do, it never seems to make any difference. It is an extremely helpless feeling. We no longer have fraternities in their houses, the Residential Life decision still stands, Delta Kappa Epsilon is still suspended and Cafe Opus will stay smoke free.

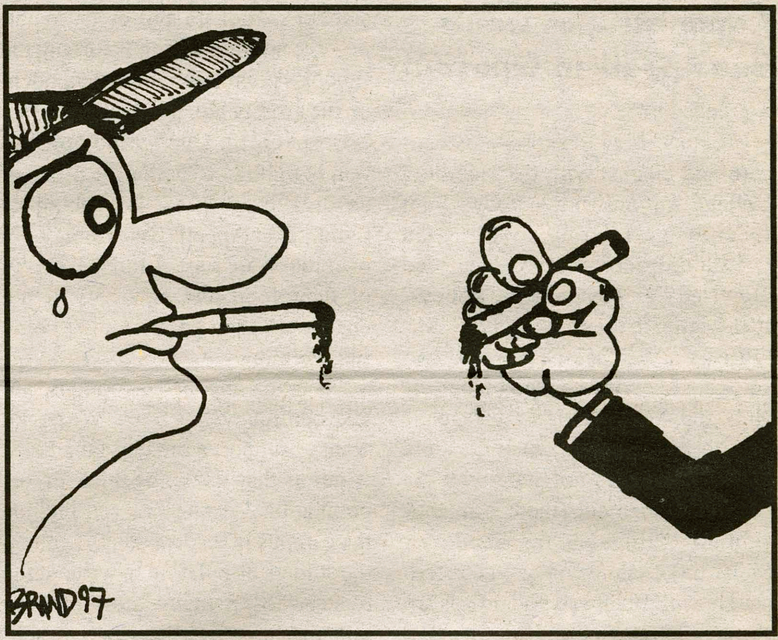
What's wrong with regarding Cafe Opus as a designated smoking area? It's been like that for quite a while now. I am a non-smoker, but I understand what this decision means to smokers. There is now no smoking area on the darkside. Smokers are already discriminated against too often. It's a big campus, I don't think Opus is too much to ask.

I have a lot of respect for those who have strong opinions, especially for those who let themselves be heard. I do praise Hamilton's ability to stick by it's decisions. However, I have zero to no respect for those who do not try to see the other side of an issue, and even less for an administration who demonstrates such a lack of understanding. It does not seem to take into account the other side. It may think it does but obviously points are always overlooked. I'd have a lot more respect for somebody who said "Yes, I see your point. I may not agree with it, but maybe we can work something out." Hello...is that democracy knocking?

One of the most frightening comments ever made to me was said when I was reading an article to a friend that I planned to publish. She stopped me and remarked, "You can't say that." I just kept reading. Later she apologized and couldn't believe she'd said that much less even thought it.

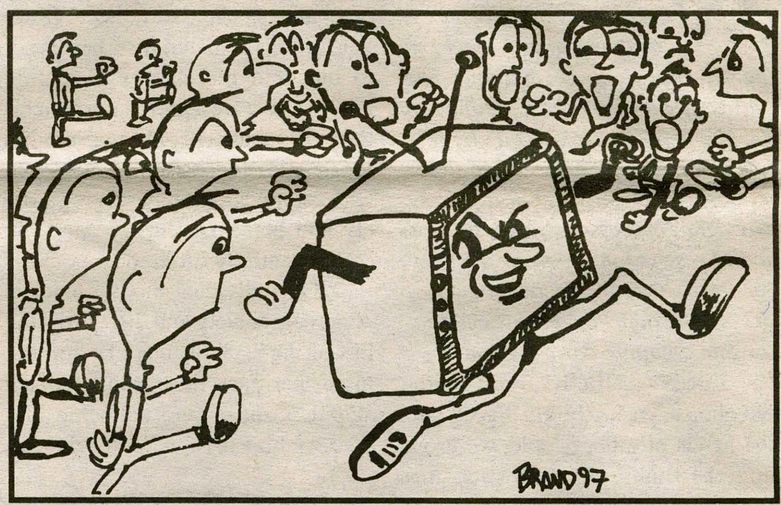
Why did she think that? Why shouldn't I be able to say what I believe? What did she think would happen to me? Why does everyone think that they need the school's approval for every move they make? Censorship is a scary concept but the *fear* of being unable to speak your own mind is ten times worse. I run into this problem all of the time when recruiting people to write articles. "I feel really strongly about this issue but I don't want my name on it" is a commonly uttered phrase.

Another friend made an interesting comment the other day. "Amherst or Williams must have decided to make their cafe smoke free."...Ouch. I'm glad that we are improving in the U.S. and World Report ratings. I'm equally glad that we are attracting more amazing people than ever before. But isn't the desire to rise to the level of other schools (which I don't even think are much better) sacrificial to individuality? Hamilton is taking away much of what makes it unique.



The death of individual responsibility

LOU INSEL
MAD REASONINGS



Who would have known that a bowling ball could signal a great change in social morals and ideals? A couple of years ago a youth dropped a ten pound bowling ball off a bridge to the traffic below. The result was a driver's death and the death cry of the idea of individual responsibility.

The kid had claimed to be influenced by "Beavis and Butthead" of MTV fame, who apparently performed the same prank in one of their cartoons. More ridiculous than the idea of someone being inspired by "Beavis and Butthead" was the media's reaction to the event. Suddenly, the blame for the death switched from the obviously disturbed kid, to the makers of "Beavis and Butthead." They said the cartoon made him do it. What they were really saying was that no one must be accountable for their actions anymore. There are suddenly extenuating circumstances for all sorts of heinous crimes. It is the big bad T.V.'s fault, not any individual.

The movies couldn't escape the changing tide either. A year or two later *The Program* was hammered by the press for a scene in which a group of college students laid in the middle of the road. Someone imitated this scene and was killed. The public outcry was not directed at the kid who was dumb enough to lay in the middle of the road but rather at the movie's producers. The scene was eventually cut, but deeper scars were left on our society as a whole.

Suddenly evidence of the death of individual responsibility was everywhere. "Do not eat" written on the labels of bleach. "Don't try this at home" displayed before a man lights himself on fire and wanders in agonizing circles.

More disturbing than any violence dreamed up by tinsel town was watching the decline of society. It was as if society as a whole was saying "we don't trust your judgment or common sense, since we know you have neither."

To me the whole situation smacked of Nuremberg. There, a few squirming war criminals claimed to have been "acting on orders" when they committed genocide. No one just acts on orders. The situation is unfortunately the same today, but we have forgotten what we learned from the Nazis. We are back to believing that people can just "follow orders," whether they come from television, music or movies.

No one walks through life with a gun eternally pointed at their head. You make your decisions on how to act on your own. No one does it for you. To forget this fact, or to ignore it, is to signal the end of responsibility. Forever more, the world will be covered in disclaimers, posters on the roofs of buildings reading "Do not jump," and signs on liquor stores stating "Do not rob." The only way to fight the future is to change the present. Fault must lie with the culprits, not their alleged influences.

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Achieving integration

Nadia Sangster
Subtle Sayings

On September 25, President Clinton commemorated the 40th anniversary of the nine black students who were the first to integrate Little Rock High School. Clinton addressed the racial problems that plague our society. He stated that "Indeed, too many Americans of all races have actually begun to give up on the idea of integration and the search for common ground. For the first time since the 1950's, American schools are resegregating."

This statement is true of Hamilton. No matter how much we cover up or ignore it, segregation is a problem at Hamilton. Too often Blacks and Latinos sit with Black and Latino students, Asians with Asians, Whites with Whites. Most of the time we form alliances with other people because we are comfortable that they have the same skin color as we do. Is that right?

Also, in Clinton's speech he suggests that we move out of our comfort zone and reach out to people who are different from us. Even though that seems like a good solution, the problem is that it doesn't always work. Most times people are too afraid to go out of their comfort zone. Plus, just because a Black student tries to sit with a group of white students, it doesn't mean that the group of White students will welcome her/him and vice - versa. Most people do not feel comfortable going up to a student of color and asking him/her about their culture from fear of being looked upon as ignorant. However, some students of color prefer that if someone wants to know something about their culture, him/her should just ask.

Another problem that exists at Hamilton is that most of the time it seems like it is the students of color who reach out to the White students, when it should be both groups reaching out to each other.

Segregation is not just a problem for students of color. It affects everyone. It is up to each individual to reach out to someone of a different race or background. The struggle for real integration will never be easy. There have always been people who disagree.

As Clinton said, "We have to decide, all our young people have to decide, will we stand as a shining example or a stunning rebuke to the world of tommorow? For the alternative to integration is not isolation or a new seperate but equal, it is disintegration." This is the challenge to everyone. It's your decision.

To smoke or not to smoke

Nina Sharma
Reflections

I had an article all prepared for this week's issue focusing on the annoyance of mass e-mails, when upon my return to school I was bombarded by e-mails griping over Tobin's new "Smoke-Free Café Opus." As a non-smoker, I can say that I am fully thrilled with this decision. I hate smoke to begin with, but when I'm trying to study or drink a cup of coffee, the scent of tobacco milling in the air above my head is hardly appetizing.

As a student, however, my opinion is just the opposite. I do not think that it is fair that Tobin simply "decided" to take away the smoking privileges at Café Opus. When I first took a tour of Hamilton, I was told that Café Opus was the "place on campus where people smoked and drank coffee." As a prospective, I thought the fact that the school even offered a comfortable indoor place to smoke and fraternize was ideal. I thought that it was incredibly liberal and understanding to accommodate smokers. As a first-year, I gathered the same impression. I have never heard complaints about smoke, and even I have never complained about it – and I absolutely hate smoke.

Although I don't utilize Café Opus for the smoking facility that it is, I still think it is a good idea. A place for people to smoke indoors, instead of out in the freezing cold of a New York winter, is a generous and liberated decision on the administration's part. However, President Tobin's new policy has forced me to rethink this opinion. As far as I am aware, there was no previous mention of an altered smoking policy.

The mass e-mail (which I hate to begin with) that I received came as a total surprise. I had not heard of any debate over smoking privileges or facilities before yesterday, yet the raucous today made the debate completely clear.

On my way to lunch I heard comments like, "Thank God they changed it, I hate smoke." However, I also heard, and in more abundance, comments such as, "Watch me blow this smoke right in Tobin's face." This was not the most tasteful of comments, yet the message seems clear: the Hamilton student body will not stand to have their privileges taken away without a fight. The Little Pub simply doesn't cut it; it is not comfortable or accommodating for studying, as it is a dining facility. The other smoking alternative, The Hub, located in out-of-the-way Bristol, serves little purpose as a social space and is rarely used for lounging or studying. I have never heard someone say, "Hey, wanna go to the Hub, smoke a butt and study for psych?" It simply does not have an atmosphere suitable for relaxation or studying, as Café Opus is known for.

Personally, I really don't care whether Café Opus is a smoke-free establishment or not. Aside from the fact that I'm a non-smoker, the smoke in Café Opus has never bothered me nor have I ever heard any negative comments about it. It's easy for me to say "deal with it" to all of those who are complaining about Tobin's decision. But even from a non-smoker, it's no fun getting punished when you did nothing wrong.

QUOTES FROM THE CAFE

"So, does this mean we can smoke in the library?" -Eli Feldman '00

"Every day the administration gives me a new reason not to leave my room." -Daniel McAllister '99

"I guess I'll just have to put little burn holes on Mr. Bristol's floor." -Liz Brooks '98

"There's nothing like that frigid butt break in the middle of a frosty, windy, cold winter's day. Thanks a lot." -Mark Rolland '99

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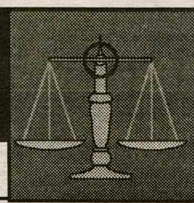

For The Week Of October 10th

By The Mysterious Q
A&E Astrologer

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
Something special has entered your life, Libra, make the most of it. Keep thinking of ways to amaze and amuse those you care about, it'll make you just as happy. Your lucky book is: Wurthering Heights.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
Strangers abound bearing gifts for you Scorpio. Don't be too hesitant to greet them warmly. Have fun, remember you are only young once. Keep disguising yourself with the neck attire it does wonders. Unground the stranger. Your lucky drink is: wine.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
Relaxation was what you needed to recharge that engine of yours Sagittarius. Now you are like a new person, even more wild than before. Be sure to pay attention to the decisions you make. Regret is a bad thing. Your lucky fish is: salmon.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Beware Capricorn, there are dangerous things ahead. If you are alert and detective-like you may beat the bad guys. Prizes will be awarded for your amazing accomplishments. Your lucky sandwich is: the turkey wrap.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Talk is imminent to survival, Aquarius. Why have you been so close-mouthed lately? If you've got something to say, say it. It's not good to keep things inside. Your lucky helper is: a stapler.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
Some view your movements as insane, but you know what you're doing. Keep surprising all the onlookers and you will be the happiest of them all. Everyone loves a clown, keep up the jokes and you will discover love. Your lucky candy is: a hershey bar.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
Mission Impossible becomes possible for you Aries. You're all rested and ready to attack. A little bit of luck and your sassy attitude will get you all you want. Your lucky spot is: Babbitt circle.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Admirers following you wherever you go Taurus. Just try riding a little faster and they won't be able to catch you. Practice the dance moves, you never know when they may come in handy. Your lucky answer is: Yes.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Gemini, you have a wild streak dying to come out. Just let it take control and have fun while it lasts. That special someone has been taking notice, don't let the opportunity pass you by. It's worth the time. Your lucky nail polish is: clear.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
You've slept a bit more than you have in a long time. Use that energy wisely, Cancer. People will be asking you for favors, help those who are important. They'll be there for you when you need the help. Your lucky candy is: Mentos.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Your body is in tip top shape, Leo. Keep up the hard work and you will be super fit. The crowd will be envious and you will be smiling big. Mystery lurks right around the corner, keep your eyes open! Your lucky healing tool is: cough drops.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
Trips to special places are in your future, Virgo. Have fun and try and fit everything in. Don't feel like you have to make choices between lots of important things. There's room for compromise, remember that. Your lucky accesory is: sequins.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

U-Turn

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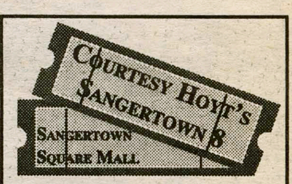
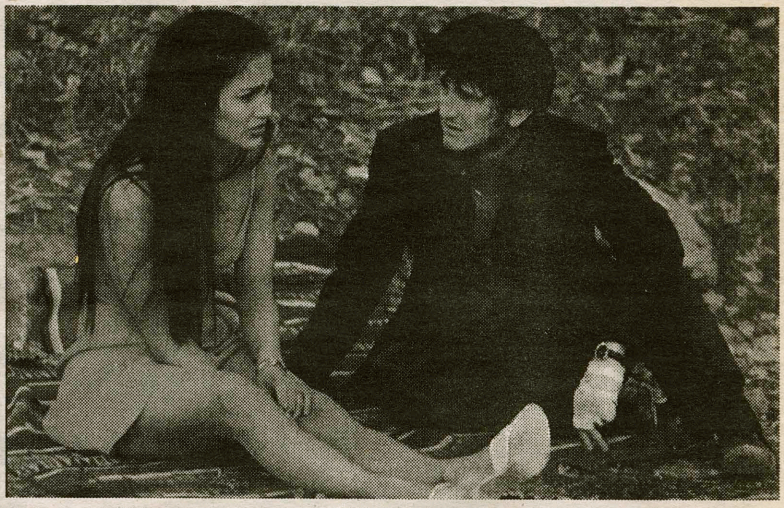


By Kathy Hess '99
Editorial Cartoonist

Welcome to Oliver Stone's midlife crisis. Get comfortable, it's a long ride. U-Turn is Stone's second "cool" movie. The first was *Natural Born Killers*. Both of these films are specifically made to appeal to people who measure how cool they are by the movies they watch. Knowing this, a lot of the film is eye candy, superficial artistic cuts with no real meaning. The film isn't horrible, but it is trying hard to be a fresh film from a new director. Oliver Stone is not a new director, he has the big budget, and the big names, and what he is trying to prove is up for grabs. If it is any consolation, the entire movie is about the conspiracies between people, so there are those JFK grassy knoll moments.

Bobby Cooper (Sean Penn: *The Game, Dead Man Walking*) is heading west because he owes some cutthroat money. He is already late, and has lost several fingers for his delay. The explanation for this is kind of unclear, which must mean that it isn't that important. Unfortunately his car breaks down in Arizona, which is apparently the most scary place in the world for a car to break down. Luckily there is a garage nearby, so Bobby leaves his car with Darrell (Billy Bob Thorton: *Sling Blade*, the *Ellen* coming out episode), a nasty, stupid repair man. So Bobby goes to the local town, Superior, which is a very ghost-like lower class town. He runs into Grace (Jennifer Lopez: *Selena*, *My Family*) and she takes him home,



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Sean Penn and Jennifer Lopez work it out.

where after throwing himself at her, Bobby meets her husband Jake (Nick Nolte: *Prince of Tides, Mother Night*). Jake wants Bobby to kill Grace. Finally a plot!

Unfortunately for the people finally paying attention to the plot, Bobby doesn't want to kill Grace. So he goes back to the town and loses his money in a shoot out, meets Flo, a blind man (Jon Voight), a twit (Claire Danes), an ass (Joaquin Phoenix), and a sheriff. He wants to leave the town because the people in it are disturbing. We want him to leave the town because the movie is getting annoying and if he left it would be over.

What makes the movie so boring is that a long time is spent with Bobby just meeting weird people. Even though the weird people are played well, that is all that the movie gives you to go on. Most people meet a bunch of really weird people on a day to day basis. It can not carry a film.

So what else is there? Well the eye candy is quite nice. The shots of Arizona are realistic and usually quite beautiful. Oliver Stone likes to flash on different objects, and there are a lot of flashes onto dead, stuffed animals. There doesn't seem to be much symbolism with the animals, which is the basic concern with an Oliver Stone type flash. It is just meant to keep your eye moving. The large amount of bad language, gory violence, and sex is meant to do the same thing.

Sean Penn is the only one to really get a good role in this film. The other characters are unfunny stereotypes of selfish lower-class Arizona hicks. Sean Penn does a good job being a seedy man driven by fear, who hopes that no one else will notice how weak and uncool he really is. That is how this movie reflects on Oliver Stone. A lot of flash just so the audience doesn't see the uncoolness of the man who made it.

Joyce DiCamillo Trio to visit the hill

By Jay Gormley '00
A&E Editor

On Monday the Jazz Studies Program will present the Joyce DiCamillo Trio in Schambach 201 from 1-3. The trio is led by DiCamillo, a talented jazz pianist, and their unique sound derives form their ability to draw from a wide variety of American musical styles.

The group has been together for 15 years and much of its success stems from the vibrance it brings to the music and the talented guest artists that have played with them over the years. These artists include Phil Woods, Nick Bringola, Huston Person, Arnie Lawrence and Andy Fusco. The Trio has also opened for Dizzy Gilsepie, Nancy Wilson, Roberta Flack, Diane Schuur, John Faddis, John Pizzarelli and the Count Basie Orchestra.

The Trio has performed at many famous jazz festivals, such as the Syracuse Jazz Fest, the Sunnyside Jazz Fest, the Whitney Museum, the Aldrich Museum and the Stamford center for the arts.

The trio has recorded two compact discs. The first, *A Touch of Jazz*, was described by *Jazz Times* magazine as "classy and creative". Their second album *Freelancin* has been called "unpretentious exuberance,"

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BETA presents bluegrass

By Jay Gormley '00
A&E Editor

This Saturday at 9pm in the Better Education Today Association, Vermont bluegrass artists Smokin' Grass will perform. The tickets are $4 and those not sold by 2 p.m. Friday will be available at the door.

Smoking Grass is a five piece band that plays a mixture of originals, blues grass standards and other spontaneous compositions. They specialize in "hot picking" and intricate vocal harmonization.

Since there founding three years ago the band has developed a reputation as a high energy dance band. The members are Tim Buckingham (Drums), Adam Frehm (Hound Dog Dobro slide guitar & vocals), Jason Koornick (Rigel Mandolin & vocals), Doug Perkins (Martin D-28 acoustic guitar & vocals) and Michael Santosusso (Modulus graphite bass & vocals).

So come on down to BETA and get ready to listen to some uplifting music and to dance and "shake your bones."

Portishead hits soph slump

Second album can't touch 'Dummy'

By Peter N. Gaston '99
Editor-in-Chief

Bristol, England is to trip-hop what Seattle is (or was) to grunge. Massive Attack, Tricky and Portishead all hail from the British town. For some reason, Bristol breeds dark, brooding lyrics and immense yet somber beats that shake the earth.

After a few years, the Bristol trip-hop formula grew somewhat tiresome. Massive Attack escaped by handing over their second album, *Protection*, to dub-reggae producer Mad Professor. Tricky also expanded his horizons.

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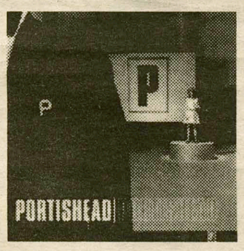

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Portishead

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In 1997, it is surprising that Portishead, Bristol's most promising and most innovative act, has returned with the most mediocre of sophomore albums. The band's self-titled release (London/Go! Beat) is a rehashing of similar themes from Portishead's surreal and fantastic 1994 debut, *Dummy* (London/Go! Beat).

Portishead does have several outstanding tracks. "All Mine" ranks among the band's best tunes. The song blasts in with throbbing horns that evoke an image of a James Bond film where the hero gets dissed by the girl and dies in a plane crash. It is a perfect mix of 50s kitsch and 90s hip-hop. Beth Gibbons, the vocal acrobat who gives Portishead eighty-five percent of its appeal, lays down sultry crooning lyrics over mastermind Geoff Barrow's throbbing bass and snare samples and Adrian Utley's vicious guitar work. With words like, "Make no mistake/You shant escape/Tethered and tied, there's nowhere to hide from me," it is easy to see that Portishead is not about fun and games.

"Only You" is another gem, opening with signature P-head bass and a phenomenal sample/scratch from Barrow. Again, the song climaxes with Gibbons' spellbinding voice. On "Humming," a long, eerie intro leads into a chorus of bass strings and beats that provide another surreal setting for Gibbons' dark visions.

For some reason, Barrow decided to play around with Gibbons' vocals a bit too much on tracks like "Cowboys," where her voice is adjusted to sound similar to AM radio, and especially "Half Day Closing," where her vocals are so tweaked that it becomes painful to listen. Perhaps that was intentional, but it's offensive nonetheless.

Maybe this is a bit picky, but there is no "Wandering Star," "Glory Box," "Strangers," or "It Could Be Sweet" here. *Dummy* is without a doubt one of the most solid albums, back to front, of this decade.

So perhaps then it is unfair to compare, but when a group has made the kind of music Portishead has made, we should expect a bit more than we get with the new album. It took them three years to make an album that satisfied their expectations. Maybe the next one will satisfy ours.

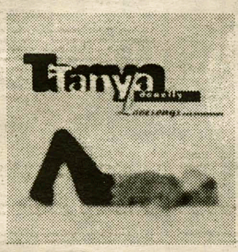
Solo effort provides rewards

Tanya Donelly; solid, bubblegum pop

By Colin Carman '00
A&E Writer

Tanya Donelly plays a significant role in the lineage of modern rock. Her half-sister, Kristen Hirsch, is the lead singer of Throwing Muses. Donelly played for Muses from 1984 to 1991. She played bass for the Breeders in 1992, then went on to create her own band, Belly. Belly's first album, *Star*, was a success ("Feed The Tree" reached No. 1 on the modern rock charts), but the sophomore effort, *King*, didn't do as well.

Colin's Corner



Tanya Donelly

Lovesongs For Underdogs

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Whatever the reasons were for Belly's 1996's break-up, Donelly came to realize that being in a band just wasn't for her. "When bands work out, it's beautiful," she told *Billboard* (August 16, 1997), "R.E.M., God love 'em, but that kind of chemistry is rare." She went on to say that the "band concept" may be outdated. "It's just something that people assume is the way to do it."

With *Love Songs For Underdogs*, her solo debut, Tanya Donelly proves that going solo was a smart move.

Donelly assembled an experienced group of musicians for *Love Songs*. Drummers include Stacy Jones (Letters To Cleo, now with Veruca Salt), David Lovering (ex-Pixies), and her husband Dean Fisher (who used to play for Donelly's amigo, Juliana Hatfield). While Donelly still sounds like a baby doll on helium, her guitars are a bit rougher. "Bum" is a quick thrasher that belongs in a Japanese race car cartoon.

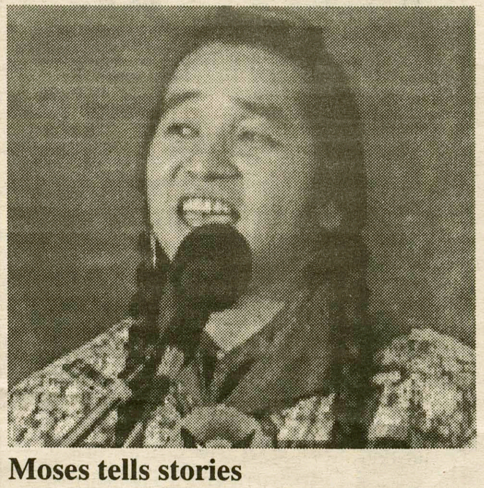
Donelly keeps redefining what it means to be an alternative lyricist. In "Pretty Deep," the infectiously poppy single, she sings: "Remember when we all went out to Fire Island?/ You thought you saw a body on the beach/When we got closer, it was just a tire/ You were disappointed, I could see."

On "Mysteries of The Unexplained," she criticizes everything from violent movies to songs that get regular air play. "All your heroes are whores," she sings in a half-whisper. Donelly sometimes walks a fine line between being whimsical and being downright silly. "Goat Girl" qualifies as the latter. "I ended up with a man who wanted a gazelle/But I am a goat girl." Whatever that means, it looks and sounds like nonsense.

But overall, *Love Songs For Underdogs* is a solid, bubble gum pop album. Tanya Donelly has a fruitful solo career ahead of her.

Shaman visits events barn

By Jessica Hunt '01
A&E Writer



Moses tells stories

On Wednesday October 8, Johnny Moses, a well-known Native American storyteller, performed for students and faculty in the Filius Events Barn, Beineke Village. Moses, who grew up off the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, Canada, is a member of the Nootka and Tulaip tribes.

A shaman, or medicine man, he speaks seven different native languages, and travels across the United States and Canada teaching adults and children about his Indian heritage. Moses began storytelling after battling lung and stomach cancer when he was only 13. While medical doctors told him he had no chance of survival, he was healed from the cancer by listening to the stories and prayers of medicine elders in his village.

Known by members of his tribe as Whistemmene,Walking Medicine Robe, Moses is a prominent ambassador of the Red Cedar Circle, an American Indian spiritual tradition. He also practices what is known as "Si-Si-Wiss," or sacred breath medicine. An oral historian and an ordained Indian Shaker minister, he received his B.E. from the University of Victoria at age 18.

Over the years, Moses has memorized over a thousand stories, and shares nearly two hundred of them with the public. He tries to tell each story in its language, and only uses English when it is necessary. Moses also uses native sign language, facial gestures, songs, and drumming in his presentations.

Hamilton students in one section of College 100 were asked to attend the performance in conjunction with their study of dreams. According to Moses, "dreams are used to heal, to forewarn about death. My soul has traveled into my dream world, and my dream world into my soul."

Liz White '01 believes "Johnny Moses presentation brought together the Native American culture with contemporary ideas about dreams. I found it enlightening and informative." Another student commented on Moses' "great sense of humor and relaxing nature."

On Friday, October 10, at 4PM, Moses will hold a healing ceremony in the Events Barn.

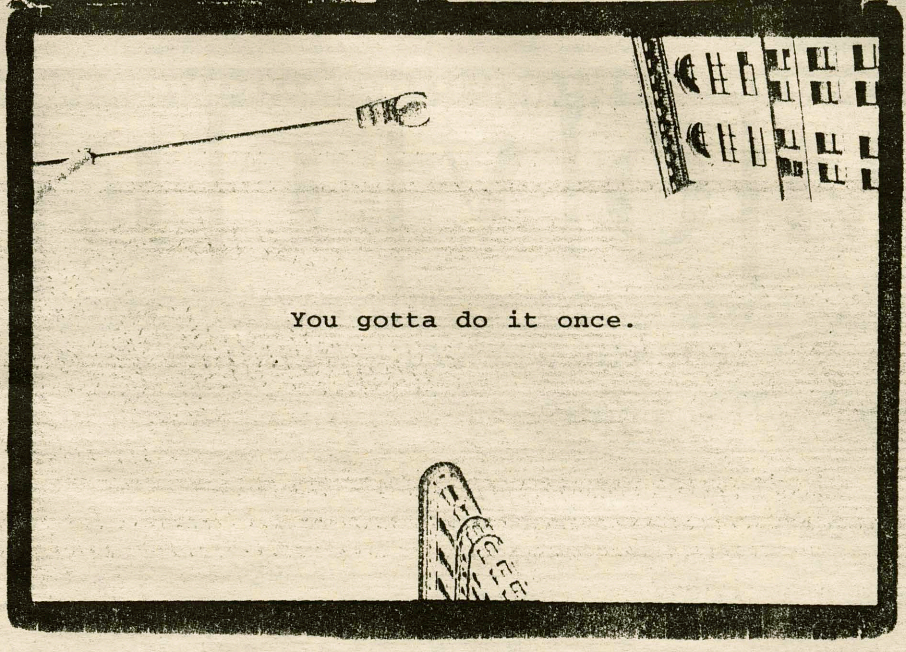
Mr. Moses is sponsored by the college Chaplain, Jeff McArn, Religious Studies, Theater and Dance, and College 100.

CAB brings King Chango to campus

By Peggy Malloy'01
A&E Writer

Lately, it seems that everywhere you go, you encounter a hot new ska band. Ska seems to be the newest trend among music lovers. Many ska bands have hit New York City's underground ska scene, but only one uniquely mixes dance hall chants, shanking, and cool Latin rhythms to create an innovative and amazing sound. This band is King Chango.

King Chango deviates from the normal guitar band sound and elevates ska to a whole new level. The eight band members jive together perfectly, producing a thrilling ride. The only thing an audience can do to prepare for such a show, is to expect the unexpected. Band members have been known to punt soccer balls into the audience, among other crazy stunts. When asked where they got their name, King Chango replies, "Chango is the god of music and partying in Santeria, the Afro-Cuban religion. King Chango will play the Events Barn this Saturday night, at 8:45pm.



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Friday: At 4 p.m. Johnny Moses, a storyteller and Native American Healer, will be giving a healing workshop in the Events Barn. Drums, rattles, and tape recorders are encouraged for those who come. Sponsored by the Office of the Chaplaincy, Department of Religious Studies, Department of Theatre and Dance, and College 100.

Wednesday: Professor Trevor Fear, SUNY Buffalo, is giving a lecture titled "No Sex, Please—We're Augustans!" at 4:15 p.m. in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Classics Department.

Wednesday: "Massage Basics" will be given by John Reilly, licensed massage therapist of Saquoit Therapeutic Massage, as part of the Wellness Seminar Series. This seminar will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Dwight Lounge. Attendants are encouraged to wear loose clothing and bring a towel. Sponsored by the Department of Physical Education & Athletics, Offices of the Dean of Students, and Dean of Faculty.

FILM

The Lost World: Jurassic Park: Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) is recruited by John Hammond (Richard Attenborough) to lead a research team to Isla Sorna, an island 87 miles to the south of Isla Nublar (the site of the original Jurassic Park). Here, InGen Bioengineering had constructed the secret "Site B," where the dinosaurs were actually bred and then transported to the park. Hammond's nephew, who has taken control of InGen, leads his own team to the island to capture the dinos and bring them back to the U.S. to become attractions at a "dino park" in San Diego. The dinos cause havoc and have a field day with the movable "feast." Friday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m. in the K-J Auditorium. Sponsored by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society.

ARTS

Exhibition: *Shouts from the Wall* will be on display in Emerson Gallery until October 19. This is an exhibition of posters and photographs used by the Spanish Republic in order to gain support against Franco during the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939.

Saturday: Ping Chong is performing *After Sorrow* as part of HPAS at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by the Department of Music and the Asian Cultural Society.

Thursday: George O'Connell, poet, will give a poetry reading of his own work at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn. Sponsored by the Department of English.

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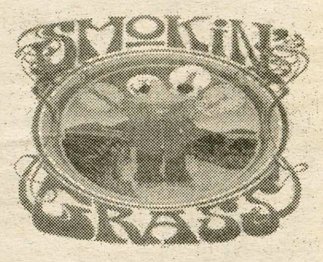

Friday: Smokin' Grass, a bluegrass band out of Burlington, VT, will perform at 9 p.m. in the B.E.T.A. House. The band will also hold an informal discussion on Saturday (time announced at the show). Tickets are $4 for the general public and $3 for B.E.T.A. members. Sponsored by B.E.T.A.

Saturday: King Chango will be giving a concert at 9 p.m. in the Events Barn. Sponsored by CAB.

Tuesday: *Dreams and Nightmares*, a video on the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, will play at 3 p.m. in the Emerson Gallery. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

Wednesday: *The Good Fight*, a video on the American volunteers in the Spanish Civil Wars, will be shown at 3 p.m. in Emerson Gallery. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

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Field hockey team scores its first win

Late season push to playoffs now expected

By C. Harris Dague '98

Sports Writer

If success wasn't measured by how big the win column is the Hamilton College Field Hockey Team would have a lot to be happy about. While a 1-6 record might seem devastating to some teams, the field hockey squad has quite a bit to smile about. With a young offense that finally seems to be coming around, and a defensive unit that has only gotten stingyer as the season has progressed, coach Betsy Bruce should be looking forward to a late season push to the playoffs.

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> -Laura Gentner '98"

Since before break the Continentals have been involved in 4 tightly fought games. "The games we have been losing have been so close. Each one of them could easily have ended in a victory for us and I am confident that they will start to before the end of the season" notes tri captain Sarah Chesin.

Hamilton recorded their first win of the season in impressive fashion. On a cold autumn Wednesday the women faced off against long time rival Oswego.

Going into the game the Continental's appeared to be heavy underdogs, but as the game progressed, area bookies and betters were proven wrong. In the end Hamilton came out with a 3-0 victory and took some pride back to Clinton. Tri captain Sarah Chesin scored here team leading second goal of the season in remarkable fashion.

In just the third minute of play Chesin broke past midfield, grabbed the ball from a frightened Oswego defender and finished the play with a 75 mile per hour slap shot past Oswego's helpless goaltender. Says Chesin of her heroics "all I did was what I do best—put the bisket in the basket."

Tri-captain Laura Gentner finished off Hamilton's scoring later in the second half when she avoided a charging Oswego defender with a nifty head fake and dribbled the ball right past the shell shocked goalie.

An animated Gentner was seen pumping her arm in celebration after the game. "I was really happy with the win over Oswego. We beat them to every lose ball and took the game right to them. It was like taking candy from a baby" said Gentner in her first post-game interview. Jenny Atherton tallied her first collegiate goal in the win over Oswego.

Last Saturday the team took the field against nationally ranked, state power Cortland. Hamilton has never beaten Cortland in a collegiate field hockey game and this year's team thought they could be the team to break the century long curse. "We knew we were underdogs going into the game but we still didn't lose faith in ourselves" noted Kim Powers '98 after the game.

Unfortunately this year's team couldn't break the curse and despite putting in a solid effort, Cortland prevailed 4-0. Sarah Chesin commented on the game, "even though we lost out there we still walked off the field with our dignity intact. They were a good team but one of these days we will take them down."

Golf takes third at NESCAC championship

By Jonathan Cornwell '99

Sports Writer

As if good weather and Taconic golf course were somehow oxymorons, the Hamilton golf team once again battled the elements at Williams College's home course, this time for NESCAC championship. Although hampered by miserable playing conditions the second day, the team managed a respectable third place finish in the field of ten teams.

The team was once again led by senior captain John Whitwell (77-81- 158) whose 77 opening round was the team's low round of the tournament. Following Whitwell were Jonthan Cornwell '99 (83-78- 161), Matt Miller '99 (82-80- 162), Darren Fuller '98 (78-86-164), and sand game wizard Bryan Richetti '99 (91-80-171). The two day team total of 639 was only six shots behind second place Williams (633), a margin that, in racing terms, would be considered a photo finish. Amherst, led by the strong play of individual medalist Eric Hardenbergh, won the team title, shooting an impressive 621.

After the placid conditions of Sunday's opening round, the team awoke Monday morning to heavy rainshowers and 20-30 mile an hour winds. Although the rain helped to soften the lightning fast greens, the howling wind conditions made hitting the narrow fairways an even harder task. An hour rain delay, about half way into the round, didn't help matters either. Nonetheless, the Conts hung in there to shoot a fine 319, the second lowest team total of the day.

Last Thursday, the team closed out its season at the ECAC qualifier at Saratoga Spa Golf Course in Saratoga. As he has done all year, Whitwell once again led the Continentals, shooting an 82. Fuller (82), Miller (83), Brett Geruntino '99 (83), and Richetti (84) rounded out the Continentals top five.

Not suprisingly, Skidmore won the team title, placing two players—one of the them medalist Jared Tendler (71)—in the top three. The Continentals finished 36 shots behind winner Skidmore in eighth place.

Although disappointed by its inability to put together consistently low rounds, the team did show potential this year, especially at the Skidmore and NESCAC tournaments. Heading into the winter season, the team hopes to learn from its mistakes and build upon its successes of the fall season later this spring.

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Continental football remains winless

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ing off the heartbreaking loss to Wesleyan, the Continentals headed to Connecticut hoping for an upset. For the first half, it appeared that an upset might be brewing as the Continentals trailed only 14-7. The Continentals scored when cornerback Kyle Bennett '98 intercepted a pass and returned it 98 yards for a touchdown.

Even as the fourth quarter began, the Continentals were down only 21-7, and were playing exceptionally well. However, the fourth quarter was full of missed offensive opportunities, and Trinity went on to win 28-7.

Trinity outgained the Continentals 418-109, including 320-11 on the ground. There were few offensive highlights for the Continentals. Wide receiver Kelby Valenti '99 had a career-high five receptions for 27 yards in the loss. Hamilton's defense continued its consistent play, with strong play by its linebacking core.

For the third straight week, inside linebacker Buddy LaSala '98 led the Continentals in tackles, while forcing and recovering a fumble, and sacking Trinity quarterback Joe Mullaney. Outside linebacker Frank Loverro '98 also played well contributing two sacks and five tackles. Chris Finley '98 also had an interception and finished the day with nine tackles.

The season has been the antithesis of what Frank and his players envisioned. "We're 0-3 and there are no excuses. If you make excuses, then you can't get better," added Frank. "If you make excuses, then you don't know where you are, and you don't know where you're going." It is important to note that the three opponents the Continentals have played are a combined 9-0. "We have Bowdoin and Colby coming up, and they are more like us," said Frank trying to sound upbeat. "Our goals are simple: We aim to get better every time we step on the field. We want to grow as a football team and get better fundamentally."

This week's game at Bowdoin should provide the Continentals with their first victory and, it is hoped, turn their season around.

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Fri. Oct 10		William Smith 4 pm						UCAA Tourney 5 pm & 10 am	
Sat. Oct 11		Rochester 2 pm		St. Lawrence 1 pm	St. Lawrence 1 pm		UCAA Tourney @ William Smith 9 am		
Sun. Oct 12	Bowdoin 12 pm								
Mon. Oct 13									
Tues. Oct 14									
Wed. Oct 15				U. of Rochester 4 pm	Skidmore 4 pm				
Thur. Oct 16									
Fri. Oct 17							States @ Cornell 8 am		

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NHL					
Buffalo at New Jersey 10/11	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey
NY Rangers at Vancouver 10/11	Rangers	Vancouver	Vancouver	Rangers	Rangers
Toronto at Edmonton 10/11	Edmonton	Edmonton	Edmonton	Toronto	Toronto
Phoenix at Colorado 10/11	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
NFL					
Buffalo at New England 10/12	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Miami at New York Jets 10/12	Jets	Miami	Jets	Jets	Miami
NY Giants at Cardinals 10/12	Giants	Cardinals	Giants	Giants	Cardinals
Dallas at Washington 10/13	Cowboys	Washington	Washington	Cowboys	Cowboys
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Florida at LSU 10/11	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
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Too early an exit for Yanks

Bronx Bombers must look to next season

Jason Santarcangelo — From The Front Office

It is October, the time of year that champions are crowned in Major League Baseball. Just twelve short months ago John Wettland threw the final pitch, Charlie Hayes squeezed the final out in foul territory, and Pinstripes flooded the mound. All that could be seen was Wettland's arm and index finger extended into the stadium lights. Wade Boggs rode on a horse around the House that Ruth built. The City of New York threw the World Champions a ticker tape parade that wandered down hollowed Broadway before coming to a stand still (like New York traffic) in front of City Hall. Each member of the team was given a key to the City. Kids skipped school, the fans went wild, for there is no better city in which to win a championship.

The emotion carried over to the 1996-97 season. Opening day at the stadium was packed. Unfortunately, the Yankees lost their first home game to the Oakland Athletics, failing to get out of the starting gate and letting the Baltimore Orioles hold first in the American League East from the first day of the season. The Yankees would go on to win 96 games, four more than the year before. The Orioles won 98 games. It seemed as if the Yankees were playing baseball somewhere else. They never had a spark of intensity. Bernie Williams would miss thirty-three games (yet he managed 21 HR's and 100 RBI's); Cecil Fielder found himself with a cast on his hand after trying foolishly to score from second on a double; Tim Raines, Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden spent extended time on the to the disabled list.

When things finally did seem to be getting better, Wade Boggs found himself in a slump and sharing time with Hayes at third. Luis Sojo who took over for Mariano Duncan (he was traded) at second, broke his forearm when he was hit by a pitch. Then the nail in the coffin—David Cone spent much of the last month on the disabled list with "shoulder pain" that we now know is a bone spur.

Midway through the year, the Yankees received the much heralded "Import of the Year," Hideki Irabu. Irabu and his media entourage created another distraction for the Yankees. As if the distraction was not enough, Irabu never quite got the job done and has now been dubbed the "Export of the Year."

So what did the season amount to for the Yankees? On the surface it would appear as though the season went down the drain with the April showers. But I guess April showers really do bring may flowers and the Yankees, despite everything that went wrong, found themselves in the pennant race down the stretch. The wild card was never in doubt as the Yankees found a way to post the third best record in all of baseball. Only the Atlanta Braves and Baltimore Orioles won more then the Bombers. The Yankees found some steam down the stretch and kept winning games. They were certainly the hottest team in all of baseball when the playoffs started.

They proved it in game one, when after trailing the Central Division Champion Cleveland Indians 5-0 and 6-1 exploded for back-back-back homeruns by Raines, Jeter and O'Neill. With game one under their belt the players returned to the Stadium for game two with Pettitte on the mound. They scored three runs in the first and held on until the fourth inning. With two outs it appeared as though the Indians would again go down in order but Omar Visquel reached on an infield single when Hayes decided, after slipping, to throw the ball. It flew past Tino Martinez at first and Visquel went to third. The error changed the game and the series. The Indians then found a way to score five runs on two outs (they scored eleven runs with two outs against Pettitte in two games). The Yankees never recovered.

Wells pitched a complete game victory and things seemed alright until the bottom of the 8 inning in game four. Mariano Rivera threw a rising fastball away from Sandy Alomar who seemed to have advanced notice. He went with the pitch and placed it into the Jacob's Field seats. The Yankees would lose the game in the bottom of the ninth. They never caught up to the Indians in the fifth and deciding game. The Indians made fewer mistakes and found some of the magic the Yankees had a year ago. It was a tremendous series. It was two heavy weight fighters going toe to toe for twelve rounds. It was great for baseball and for Cleveland, and more importantly, a dose of humble pie for the Bombers who had ridden the wave of destiny just a year before.

It is time to rebuild. Several players have packed their bags and left the Stadium for the final time. On that list is Wade Boggs, Charlie Hayes, Rey Sanchez (he already laid an ultimatum that he will play every day), George Posada (expansion draft), Kenny Rogers (if they can move him and they want to) and Cecil Fielder (he's not worth $7.2 million dollars). Torre and Watson have their hands full in the offseason. The Yankees stand to lose several prospects in the expansion draft. They need to find a second and third baseman, left fielder (if they chose not to keep Chad Curtis) and several pitchers to sure up the rotation.

Surely the Yankees played their hearts out. No one wanted to repeat more than they did, but hind sight is twenty-twenty. We can criticize a play or a series of plays, but that does not change the fact that they made more mistakes than the Indians and have already cleaned out their lockers.

Next year will soon be upon us. I am certain the Yankee faithful will fill the Stadium once again and the Yankees will return to the play-offs for the fourth consecutive season. Whatever next season holds, it is the memories of past glory and hope for new that will bring us back another year.

Another toss-up in tri meet for x-country women

By Tara Woolford '99

Sports Writer

It was another toss-up for the Women harriers this past weekend in their home tri-meet with RPI and Clarkson. The Continentals suffered a three point loss to RPI, 26-29, but beat Clarkson, 29-79.

The women swept the race against Clarkson, with the first five Hamilton women finishing before Clarkson's first. Hamilton placed 5 people in the top ten, with Katie Wasilenko '99 (second place overall), Tara Woolford '99 (4th), Emily Hill '01 (5th), Kate Dalke '97 (8th), and Stacy Tyksinski '99 (10th). Next for Hamilton were Lesley Vars '00, Kate McAuliffe '99, Beth Georgian '01, and Liz Guancial '01.

The team thanks all the relatives and friends that showed up to cheer the team on. Special thanks to the new team mascot, Toby. The team travels to Hobart/William Smith this weekend for UCAAs. Hamilton won this championship last year and hopes to defend its title this year. Let's go blue!

Season halfway over for men's cross-country team

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This past weekend, the team traveled to Hobart, and ran in the UCAA Championships. Among the stronger teams there, Hull's Harriers were able to finish in third place, unfortunately unable to beat RPI and St. Lawrence. Union, a long time rival of the Harriers, was left in the dust.

The previous Saturday the men hosted RPI and Clarkson on their home course. They were able to crush Clarkson handily, but were unable to top RPI, falling 13 points short of victory. This was the first of only two races slated for the home course this seaso. Seniors Jeremy Sokolnicki, Erin Ersenkal, and Matt Nolan don't plan to let Lemoyne, Hobart, or St. John Fisher get away with anything on Parents Weekend, when Hamilton hosts its second and final home race of the season. These are three rival teams that Hamilton must beat to stay competitive.

Soon after Parents Weekend the championship season begins, with NESCAC's at Bates on the 1st of November, States at Brockport on the 8th, and Regionals at Saratoga on the 15th.

The men hope you'll show up on the golf course, or in the glen, to cheer them on in their last home meet, next weekend.

Women ruggers' rally lost in scrum

By Tamar Scoggin '00

Sports Writer

Through ominous early Saturday morning fog, the Hamilton women ruggers drove north to face Potsdam on their home turf. As they reached the field after a three-hour drive, the sun was out, and it was time to scrum-down, ruck and roll.

At the outset of the game, it was apparent that Hamilton had not recouped completely after a sleepy three-hour drive, and then a measly twenty-minute warm-up as determined by the ref (more trashing of him will follow).

Potsdam took full advantage of the situation and scored two trys almost immediately. This left the Hamilton ruggers dazed, but not by sleep this time. It was all the initiative they needed to retaliate.

Hamilton pushed its way to five feet from their scoring try-zone before Potsdam knocked the ball out of bounds. A line-out ensued with Hamilton's throw-in. Susan "the Bomb" Robb '99 lived up to her newly appointed alias and launched the ball to the rear-most player in the line. Tamar Scoggin '00 then made a quick-step and dove into the try-zone for Hamilton's first try with five minutes left in the first half (so much for missing almost two weeks of practice with a sprained ankle).

Hamilton was ready to rally after this. However, when the women ruggers stepped out into the field filled with ankle-turning divots for the second half, Potsdam was the first to rally with a try.

At one point Hamilton was pushed way back into their own try-zone, a dangerous position to be in if any slip-ups were made. "Neon" Tanya Bloomer '00 wisely touched the ball down to restart the play. Nevertheless, a Potsdam player plowed into Bloomer, grabbed the ball, and touched it down for an unauthorized try.

> **The ref, obviously ignorant of the game of rugby from the outset, as he could not discern "off-sides" from his own behind...**

[Excuse me while I editorialize for a moment: the ref, obviously ignorant of the game of rugby from the outset, as he could not discern "off-sides" from his own behind, called it as a Potsdam try. A few Hamilton ruggers had to be held back from jumping the ref.]

The combination of captain Jen Cooper '98 and Erin Post '01 in the back-line made way for many scoring opportunities, including Bloomer's answer to injustice by a hometown ref. In true style, Bloomer answered the pseudo-try with one of her own. She ran it beautifully into the try-zone with instinctive rugger form, touching the ball down towards the center for a good kicking position for the extra point. Hamilton's back-line also created another try, this time courtesy of captain Jamiee Smith '99 who ran the ball into the try-zone, and consequently experienced a simultaneous head-plant and two-man tackle.

Ah, this game of rugby was just about as glorious as the warm, northern New York sunshine.

Potsdam answered with two more trys to finish off their victory, but Hamilon was not in the least dissuaded. Again, the rookies, if they could even warrant that title anymore, were out in full effect, such as forward Alice Muir '01 and weak-side wing Jenny Pope '01. The vet stand-out and all-around MVP of the game goes to Alison Winn '99 whose tenacity and skill stood out like clean clothes at a rugby social.

Hamilton's next game is home on October 11 against Colgate. The Colgate women are hard hitting ruggers and will prove to be worthy advesaries. If you are looking for a rally, this is where to find it.

Crew team endures fall's first test of skill

By Mike Rieger '00

Sports Writer

After a month of two-a-day workouts, including 5:30am grueling practices, the varsity crew team finally had a chance to gauge itself against competition. The home of Hamilton Crew, the Erie Canal, was the site for The Head of the Erie Regatta on Sunday, October 5.

The exceptionally nice weather welcomed crews from Colgate, Skidmore, United States Military Academy, Cazenovia, and Hamilton. Due to an administrative error, the Varsity women's 4 competed on a 2 mile course, while the men's and women's Varsity 8s competed on the 3 mile course.

When the day was over Hamilton had much to be proud of. The women's Varsity 8 placed 2nd, about 10 seconds behind Colgate's 17:24.55. This very solid effort against strong programs can only mean good news for the Varsity women this season. The men's Varsity 8 placed 3rd out of 7 boats. Army won the race in 15:02.18, while Colgate held off Hamilton by only 11 hundredths of a second (15:40.68 and 15:40.79 respectively). The women's Varsity 4 finished a respectable fourth.

Despite the lack of depth in the men's Varsity program (there are only 8 men in the program), they proved that the Hamilton men can compete evenly with larger and traditionally stronger programs.

With three more races to go in the fall season, Hamilton Crew has much to look forward to. Both the men's and women's Varsity 8s will compete in the Head of the Charles Regatta on October 18th in Boston, MA.

This weekend, Hamilton has another opportunity to gauge progress at the Stonehurst Memorial Regatta in Rochester, NY. The fall racing season ends for the Varsity crews at the Head of the Fish Regatta in Saratoga Springs on October 25th. Based on last week's results and the work ethic of the team, strong results are likely to continue.

Look for more crew team coverage in the weeks to come.

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Women's tennis team unstoppable

Continentals to play this weekend at UCAA tournament

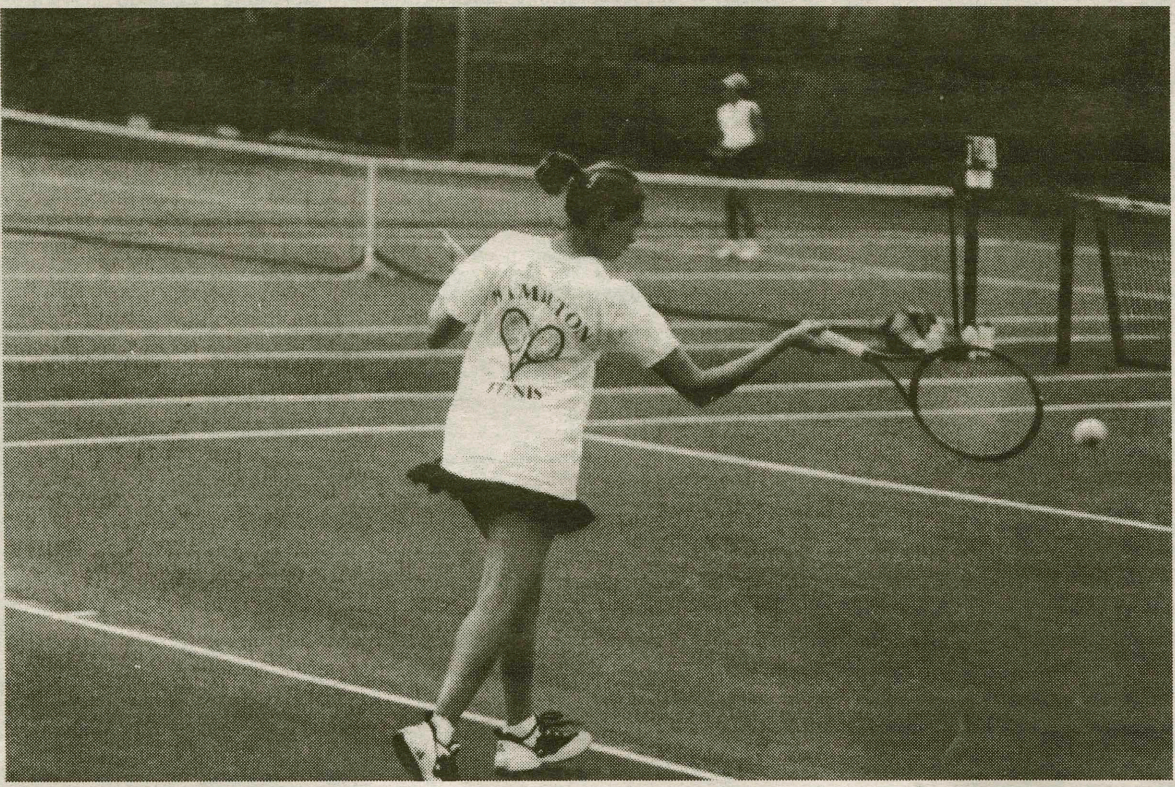

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Talented women's tennis team works towards an eastern ranking.

BY NICOLE WOLFORD '98

SPORTS WRITER

The women's tennis team finished their fall season dual matches with an unblemished record of 9-0. They beat LeMoyne, William Smith, Nazareth, Union, Cortland, Hartwick, Oneonta, Ithaca and St. Lawrence. No team proved formidable compared to the talented Lady Continentals.

The first doubles tandem of Jessica LiShih and Noel Erickson currently carry a 7-1 dual-match record. At second, Eileen Wildman and Mindy Bell hold a 9-0 record. Third doubles duo, Kristen Donofrio and Nicole Barnard are 8-1, and Emma McLaren and Sarah Chatterton finish at 1-0.

In singles dual-match play LiShih went 6-2, Erickson 5-1, Wildman 8-1, Bell 7-2, Donofrio 7-1, Barnard 6-2, Sarah Chatterton 3-0, and Courtney Dane 2-0.

The women made a strong showing in the Rolex tournament. The doubles team of LiShih and Erickson made it to the finals, losing in a tough three-setter to the number 1 seeded Carnegie Melon team (2-6, 6-4, 6-3). Due to the bad luck of the draw, second doubles team, Wildman and Bell, lost to LiShih and Erickson in the round of 16.

In singles action, LiShih, Wildman and Erickson all made it to the third round. LiShih lost in a hard-fought 3 set battle to Rochester, and Erickson had a close match, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

The team now takes its impressive record into the very important season ending tournaments. Next thursday the ladies head to the UCAA's where they have high expectations. They earned a number 3 seed and are ready to challenge number 1 seeded Rochester (10th in the nation).

According to coach Kelly McElroy, "If the ladies perform well in our last two tournaments, there is a good shot that they will get a ranking in the east."

Men's x-country passes halfway mark of season

PHOTO FROM ARCHIVES

Men's team runs through halfway point 3-1.

BY JEREMY SOKOLNICKI '98

SPORTS WRITER

The men's Cross Country team has almost reached the half way point in their season and things are looking good. The men have battled with numerous injuries, yet still hold a solid record. The team is a compilation of several veteran runners, including Jeremy Sokolnicki '98, Phil Jennings '99, Joe Button '99, Erin Ersenkal '98, and Matt Nolan '98, in addition to a very strong group of fresh legs, including Shane Tibbitts '01, Sam Brown '01, Scott Taylor '01, Karl Bressler '01, Steve Guditus '01, Roy Sabo '00, Erik Johnson '01, Seth Crossman '01, Seth O'Bryan '01, and Ed Nelson '01.

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Continental football team continues to struggle

After three losses, team must focus on salvaging season

BY PETER RINGEL '01

SPORTS WRITER

0-3 is not the kind of start that Coach Steve Frank envisioned when his Continentals started their season on September 20th. The last three seasons, the Continentals have finished with a 5-3 record, but unfortunately that goal seems to be almost impossible due to the dismal start of their 1997 campaign.

After their 38-0 opening day loss to Amherst, the Continentals hosted Wesleyan at Steuben Field. The Continentals' first scoring drive started on their own 25 and was fundamentally sound. Nick Moore ran for two yards on first down, while Chris Kelly gained a yard on the ground on second down. On third down, quarterback Robbie Peters '00 hit wide receiver Mike Padilla '98 for a Continental first down. Moore then ran for four on the ground. On a 3rd and 9, Peters teamed up with wide receiver Shawn Lyons '99 for a ten yard strike. On first down, Kelly ran again for five yards. On 3rd and 15, Peters connected with Karl Knight '00 for 23 yards on a pass. Kelly then ran for nine yards on first down. Shawn Lyons caught a fifteen yard pass from Peters to end the first quarter. On the first play of the second quarter, Peters connected with tight end Jason Dewar for a two-yard touchdown. Kicker Greg Bemis missed the extra point, but Hamilton still led 6-0. The first quarter was dominated by the Continentals. The defense allowed Wesleyan O first downs, while the Continentals outgained them 120-9 in yardage. The Continentals amassed more yardage in the first quarter (120) than they did the in the whole first game against Amherst (104).

Hamilton's next scoring drive again displayed shades of offensive brilliance. Kelby Valenti caught a 26 yard pass for a 1st down. Kelly scampered for 18 yards. Valenti gained another seven yards on a pass from Peters. On 4th and 1, Moore carried the ball for a first down. On the next play, Knight carried the ball to the one, where Moore in for a touchdown, but again Bemis missed the extra point. The Continentals dominated the first half yet only led 12-3 at the half.

Greg Bemis' 43 yard field-goal was one of the lone offensive highlights for the Continentals in the second half, and it gave them a 15-3 lead. Wesleyan scored a touchdown with 11:44 to go in the game to cut the deficit to 15-10. The fourth quarter went by with neither team scoring until the final minutes when Wesleyan mounted a drive. With 34 seconds left in the game, Wesleyan scored a touchdown to take the lead 16-15. They tried unsuccessfully for the two point conversion. The Continentals got the ball back with only 28 seconds, but could not score. The devastating loss dropped the club to 0-2. "We always play tight games with Wesleyan," said Coach Frank. "We always play them tough. We beat them by one last year. We feel we're the better team, but they beat us and can obviously say they are better than us."

The Continentals produced phenomenal offensive numbers in the loss: Kelly had 25 carries for 132 yards, Peters was 14-24 and threw for 129 yards and one touchdown and Lyons caught four passes for 48 yards. Hamilton's total offensive production was 306 yards, and they were leading the game for over 59 minutes, yet suffered an agonizing defeat. The 38-0 loss to Amherst was easier to deal with because the Continentals were outplayed, but the Wesleyan game was one that they should have won, but let slip away.

They knew that the October 4th showdown with perennial powerhouse Trinity would be a tough, grueling contest. Already 0-2 and com-

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